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Organization: 142 Inf
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0100		1		141 Inf 3rd Bn reports all quiet. Some Arty coming in, but is falling well down the hill to their front. Probably in the village.	
0200		2		3rd Bn 141 Inf reports all quiet. Also reported quiet at 0300A.	
0500		3		Co L 141 Inf closing phone, preparing to move.	
	0600	4		Capt Stallings, G-3 section, given report of situation for night. All quiet except for intermittent shelling.	
0625		5		Situation of 3rd Bn 142 Inf: No change in situation as of yesterday before attack.	
0635		6		2nd Bn reports shelling at about 0300. Movement in front of Co G. Cos E and F still quiet.	
	0640	7		Gen Stack ordered CO 3rd Bn to begin work on enemy roadblock again. Three Bns of Arty are available if needed.	
	0750	8		Gen Stack ordered Lt Crocker to take I & R Plat and contact 3rd Div.	
0800		9		Capt Newell phoned information of 30th Inf.: 1st Bn V215426, 34d Bn V214416, 2nd Bn V204440, objective V2243 and line NE. No contact at 0800A. 15th Inf same position.	
0815		10		Capt Beasley phoned in the information: 157th Inf Co A 180722, Co B V185726, Co C V192725; 2nd Bn V185705. 180th Inf Co B V220667, 1st Bn V2066; 2nd Bn V1968. 179th Inf 1st Bn V2261. 141 Inf 1st Bn V2152. 143 Inf 2nd Bn V200533, 1st Bn V202545.	
	0830	11		Gen Stack ordered Maj Clyburn to notify CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf that the Bn will close in XAMONTARUPT at 0930A and will move on over from there. (Cont'd)	

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		11	(Cont'd)	As soon as your Bn closes on HILL 728 push on over and relieve 1st and 2nd Bns of 142 Inf.	
0845		12		Col Adams, CO 143 Inf, visited Regt CP and conferred with Gen Stack on relief of 142 Inf.	
	0900	13		Col Adams and his staff left for 3rd Bn 141 Inf CP. Lt Bond, Gen Stack's aide, was to guide them to the CP.	
0904		14		Msg from CG 36 Div: "143 Inf at 0740A - elements 3rd Bn met some opposition across river. Elements in LEVELINE. 1st Bn advanced. No opposition. 141 Inf at 0800A Cos G and B vicinity 235515, no opposition reported." (Msg # 1)	
	0910	15		Gen Stack instructed Maj Sorenson to find out from CO 3rd Bn and Col Lundquist if they need a platoon of tanks and TDs, if not will pull them back to vicinity DOCELLES.	
0940		16		Lt Hanna, S-2 2nd Bn, came to CP. Area chosen for 2nd Bn to pull back to at V2048. Approved by Gen Stack.	
0955		17		Capt Brower reports Capt Quast, 132 FA, had located and enemy Btry at 247448 and is firing on this with 141 medium artillery.	
1005		18		Capt Brower reports FA receiving Msg - 1st Bn to 2nd Bn: "Enemy on top of HILL 400 Yds above us.	
1010		19		3rd Bn reports that Co K is 200 yds NW of RB with no opposition. Co I has visual contact with Co K.	
1010		20		1st Bn reports they had contact patrols to 3rd Bn 141 Inf and to Co G of 142 Inf with no contact with enemy. Patrols to front contacted enemy and drew MG fire. Rear is clear of enemy. An officer of Co L 141 Inf now at 1st Bn CP. Placing Arty on enemy to the front of Bn position.	

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1018		21			Capt Brower reports enemy gun Btry now being fired upon is at V243445. 1st Bn observer reports his location V234468. Enemy on HILL 827 400 yds above him.	
1020		22			Gen Dahlquist visited CP to confer with Gen Stack. He was given the situation. Gen phoned CG 3rd Div and got situation of 30th Inf.	
1040		23			3rd Bn reports Engrs are working on roadblock. Inf still fighting on high ground above it. Have located a large gun at coord V243445, probable being used for close range purposes.	
1045		24			CO 1st Bn reports one Plat of Co L 141 Inf now passing 1st Bn. Believes enemy has left position as patrol to front found no enemy there.	
1055		25			Capt Hunley phoned: Co K closing on objective. Engrs working on roadblock. Arty reports finding large gun N of position and is working on MG.	
1055		26			Lt Crocker returned and he contacted 3rd Div. 1st and 2nd Bns are moving with no contact. Had two counterattacks yesterday and had 101 casualties.	
1100		27			Capt Hunley reports enemy roadblock 80 to 100 yds in depth, not sure if enemy is clear.	
1110		28			Lt Saniga, Hq CO, reports that they have found a place for CP. Being cleaned out and CP group will move at 1700A. Supper will be served there. Lt Bond is on way there to find space for parking.	
1115		29			Gen Stack ordered Maj Sorenson to notify CO 3rd Bn to get and keep observation on the enemy toward THOLY. As roadblock is so large enemy probably wants to hold it so might possibly try to counter attack up draw from THOLY.	

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1125		30			3rd Bn reports one tank knocked out by mines.	
1150		31			3rd Bn reports they need a tank dozer to clear enemy roadblock. Maj Sorenson is to try and locate one.	
1200		32			CO 3rd Bn 142 Inf phoned and states he will start relief of our Bns at 1500A. CO L will tie in with 3rd Bn 142 Inf. CO K relieves Cos E and G and CO I relieves 1st Bn. Patrols E last night reported no enemy activity.	
	1210	33			Gen Stack ordered Maj Sorenson to notify CO 3rd Bn 142 Inf that relief will be completed by 1500A if he has to pull his Cos out now. 3rd Bn 141 Inf will remain with 141 Inf for supply.	
1250		34			CO 2nd Bn said Germans still have observation and hoped relieving Bn would not cause enemy Arty to come down on them.	
	1300	35			Gen Stack told CO 2nd Bn to get CO L 141 Inf on hill where they belong so that 142 Inf Bns can be relieved.	
1305		36			1st Bn 141 Inf pushing on high ground at V226523. 2nd Bn Co G V228508 as of noon. HILL 802 will be smoked tomorrow at 256450. 45 Div: 1st Bn 179 Inf house to house fighting in GRANDVILLERS; 3rd Bn at 205599; 2nd Bn at 1959. 2nd Bn 157 Inf at 215715, heavy SA, mortar and Arty fire; 3rd Bn at 2075; 1st Bn no change. 3rd Bn 30th Inf at 221419. No bridges between ST JEANE and HOUX.	
1320		37			GRS collected at DOCELLES V167503. REMIREMONT V180445.	
	1340	38			Gen Stack talked to CO 3rd Bn. RB is cleared of enemy and he is digging in on high ground on both sides of road. Will send patrols to front. Have some PWs and will send them back to TENDON. Div notified.	

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	1350	39		Maj Sorenson gave instructions to tank and TD COs. One Plat with 3rd Bn 141 Inf and one Plat with 3rd Bn 142 Inf. Remainder return to assembly area until needed.	
1450		40		Maj Young reports that there is another roadblock at 241445 supported by an AT gun.	
1530		41		Capt Brower states Arty is making every effort to register on HILL 721 but no one has observation.	
1950		42		Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports that the 2nd Bn has closed in their assembly area.	
	1530	43		Gen Stack ordered CO 2nd Bn to remain at position until 141 Inf had completely made the relief. Co K 141 Inf will make a sweep behind enemy in front of 2nd Bn before dark.	
	1545	44		Gen Stack ordered Maj Sorenson to notify CO 2nd Bn to use Arty on enemy positions before making the sweep with Co K. Lt Col Graham states Co L has now got the nose he wanted Co K to take so he would not send Co K to sweep woods.	
	1550	45		Gen Stack instructed Maj Sorenson to notify CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf that the Bn of 143 Inf on the left of the 141 Inf would send patrol to contact the 141 Inf Bn tonight. Gen Stack left for 3rd Bn 142 Inf to discuss situation with Maj Young, CO. He will then return to new Regt CP at TENDON.	
2000		46		Locations of 141 Inf: Co A 218520, Co B 223513, Co C 221538, Co G 233509, Co E 228506, Co F 218497.	
2005		47		Position of 3rd Bn 142 Inf: Cos K and I on line 228454 N to 228457. Sec Co M Hvy Mns, 30 riflemen, mortars at 225453 to 222454. Co L at 223461. CP at 213466.	

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2100		48		Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that Bn area received about 200 rounds Arty tonight.	
	2115	49		Gen Stack ordered a staff officer to go to 3rd Bn block and check reports of bulldozer drawing Arty fire. Lt Crocker given this mission.	
2210		50		1st Bn reports Bn closed into assembly area. Div notified.	
2230		51		141 Inf 3rd Bn CP is at 228463, Co K at 235464, Co I at 232459, Co L 235468.	
2310		52		Locations of 3rd Bn 143 Inf. Left flank of Bn at 224484, right flank of Bn at 232476, CP at 222480. 143 Inf Co I 229479, Co K 228478, Co L on left of Co I. Bridge directly to front toward LAVELINE OU HOUX still intact and being outposted. Hold a 2½ ton truck and possible light tanks.	
2315		53		Plat report from CO 3rd Bn: "Seven man patrol from Co L to HILL 721. Patrol worked S from Co position across highway to HILL 721 on right flank where patrol was fired on by Hvy mortars upon approaching hill. Flash of mortars seen to be this side of hill or between hill top and Bn positions.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 116

FROM: 301200A Sept. 1944
TO : 011200A Oct. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite front lines.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:

- (1) General: At the beginning of period the enemy launched an attack supported by Arty. At close of period a defensive attitude had been taken and gains made on HILL 827 and the Germans still held roadblocks at V227433.
- (2) Infantry: Estimated four Cos of Inf attacked our Co G one HILL 827 at 1220B. The attack was beaten off, but estimated 50 enemy reached northern tip of hill at V235467 and were digging in when engaged by 1st Bn 142 Inf. Our attack on roadblock at V227433 was beaten off by enemy SA, AW, mortar and Arty fire. At close of period enemy still held position on northern tip of HILL 827 and roadblock at V227433. Co G still in contact with enemy vicinity V238464.
- (3) Artillery: Arty generally heavy throughout sector. Concentration estimated at 250 rounds fell on Co G position on HILL 827 prior to enemy Inf attack. Harassing fire throughout night.

d. Miscellaneous:

- (1) PWs during period: 32
- (2) Identifications: 308 Regt 198 Div; 235 Repl Bn, 6th Co 305 Regt; 2,3,4 and 6th Co 326 Regt; 9th Co 197 Security Regt; 8th Co 198 Security Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT, with 3rd Bn 141 Inf Atchd, held positions on HILL 827 and 728 securing right flank and rear of Div. Mopping up of enemy in the area continued.
- b. An attack from the E against Co G positions on HILL 827 yesterday at 1200A was repulsed but the enemy took positions N of Co G where Co B was moving.
- c. Co L 141 Inf, at daylight this morning was relieved from roadblock position at V212438 and moved to join 3rd Bn 142 Inf on HILL 827 where Co L will be used to clean out enemy from positions N of Co G, then to secure that ground.
- d. 3rd Bn 142 Inf failed to dislodge enemy from roadblock at V227474 in an attempt during late afternoon. Another attack on the enemy block was begun this morning at 0945.

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IN	OUT					
0001		1			3rd Bn 141 Inf reports that everything is quiet.	
0015		2			Maj Adams, 3rd Bn 143 Inf, reports the location of their positions: Co I 230486-226487; Co L 230486-233483; Co K 224479-228477.	
0025		3			Lt Crocker reports that the tankdozer sent to clear roadblock was knocked out. It appears that every time the tank would move it drew Arty fire, and as it continued it hit a mine knocking off one of the tracks.	
0100		4			3rd Bn 141 Inf reports that everything is quiet at 0100A, 0200A and 0300A.	
0405		5			3rd Bn 141 Inf reports all quiet in Co areas, but the Bn CP is receiving a shelling of estimated 150mm mortar fire.	
	0500	6			G-2 was given the situation.	
0530		7			Maj Young, CO 3rd Bn, phoned and reported: Second tankdozer knocked out by Arty fire. Approximately 200 yds of physical block left and it cannot be removed by hand. Engrs have been working on block all night. Division notified.	
0600		8			Maj Sorenson discussed the situation with Gen Stack. The Gen ordered all work to cease on enemy roadblock. Withdraw Cos I and K except for a few men for outposts.	
0630		9			Col Lundquist, CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf, reports his rear CP is at V222467. Forward CP is still at V227461. Area still being shelled intermittently.	
0700		10			S-2 143 Inf phoned and asked Maj Sorenson to check with our Arty and Cn Co to see if they are firing as troops of 143 Inf are receiving Arty fire. All units checked.	

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	0800	11			Gen Dahlquist ordered AT mine Plat to go to 3rd Bn and to displace in position to reinforce the Bn. Division notified.	
0815		12			Capt Beasley, Ln 0 to Div, reports that both Bns of 141 Inf jumped off on time. No opposition. Some self-propelled fire from direction of LE PANGES 30 Rds of 150 Cal. 143 Inf 3rd Bn across river. Some opposition. LAVELINE-DU-HOUX clear. Sending them NE to high ground. 1st Bn no opposition. Locations of roadblocks: 218542, 208543, and 191549.	
	0900	13			Gen Stack ordered work on 3rd Bn roadblock stopped until further ordered.	
0904		14			Msg from CG 36 Div: "143 Inf at 0740A elements 3rd Bn met some opposition across river. Elements in LAVEUNE. 1st Bn advanced, no opposition. 141 Inf at 0800A, Cos G and B vicinity 235515, no opposition reported."	
0905		15			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
	0925	16			Gen Dahlquist left. Gen Stack left for 3rd Bn 141 Inf	
0950		17			141 Inf hitting new opposition. Co G 245516, Co E 240515, Co F 235508, Co A 225522, Co B 230514, Co C 226509. 143 Inf 1st Bn 235494, 3rd Bn 243489, 2nd Bn 221483 reserve. Some MG fire E of LAVEUNE. This information reported by Capt Newell, Div. Maj Sorenson gave him our situation.	
0950		18			Gen Stack returned to CP.	
1000		19			A Sgt from the 30th Inf, who is with the patrol that contacted our 3rd Bn, reports the route he took: was fired upon at 213428.	

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	1050	20		Report from Lt Crocker, I & R Plat: Plat at V209448. 3rd Div Rcn reports no enemy activity. Fog is too thick to see route to HILL 721. I am waiting for fog to lift to orient myself before leading patrol to HILL 721.	
	1100	21		Capt Brauer, 132 FA, called: FA is firing on enemy Btry at V248457, firing being observed by 1st Bn observers.	
	1215	22		Maj Sorenson phoned Assistant Adjutant (Mr Snyder) and instructed him to get agent officers ready to pay the Regt tomorrow.	
	1505	23		Lt Bond called 3rd Bn and asked if any mortar fire fell on the nose of HILL 721 at 219459 around 1330A.	
	1505	24		Capt Duncan of G-4 called notifying us that there is a "freeze" on .30 Cal, 105mm, 155mm and 81mm ammunition.	
	1510	25		Lt Crocker reported back to Regt CP. The I & R Plat had been on top of HILL 721. Observed no enemy, but reported German shelling in area coord V227435. Division notified.	
	1515	26		Gen Dahlquist visited Regt CP.	
	1625	27		Gen Stack ordered Maj Clyburn to give 3rd Bn the following orders: Send patrols to stream bed on S side of road. Two patrols on N side of road. Patrols to go down 1500 yds on the TENDON - THOLY road from Bn position.	
	1840	28		Div G-3 reports 143 Inf 1st Bn Co A V244499, Co B 241500, Co C 240498; 3rd Bn Co I 243491, Co K (less one Plat) 233487, Co L 243487. Plat of Co K plus AT guns on roadblock V240485. 2nd Bn in assembly area 215483. Observed enemy dug in at V248495, we put Arty on it. (Cont'd)	
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		28	(Cont'd)		Bridge intact at V234488, trail leading to bridge very bad. Treadway bridge expected to be finished by 2130A tonight at V226492. 1st and 2nd Bn CPs in town of LAVELINE. 141 Inf 1st Bn Co A 225526, Co B 233523, Co C 224520; 2nd Bn Co G 246517, Co E 237517, Co F 235508. Received a great amount of Arty this afternoon. 1st Bn 30th Inf at V230430.	
2015		29			Gen Stack returned from Div. 141 and 143 Inf Regts will continue their attacks tomorrow, swinging to SE. One Bn of 30th Inf will move to HILL 721 and attack SE. If this Bn is too slow, CO of 3rd Bn 141 Inf now attached to 142 Inf will be ordered to push forward. 3rd Bn 142 Inf will be relieved tomorrow night by Co F reinforced. CO 2nd Bn 142 Inf will return to Regt Staff as Regtl Exec Officer. Col Kilbourne will take command of 2nd Bn. Co 142 Inf will be attached temporarily to 132 FA Bn and Capt Fore will report to Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, at 142d Regt CP tonight.	
2125		30			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports patrols had returned. One patrol went S of HILL 827, observed nothing except two shots fired from NE. No traffic on road. Three Rds of mortar fell near roadblock. 2nd Bn patrol went S past RB 1000 Yds, heard voices near houses to the right of road. Patrols will leave again at 2400A	
2130		31			Col Lundquist, CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf, reports patrol from Co L 141 Inf to 3rd Bn 143 Inf. Left flank of Co I 143 Inf V242498, right flank V241483. Co K in reserve on eastern side of town. Patrol left Co L 141 Inf sector at 1745A and returned at 2000A. 3rd Bn 143 Inf roadblock V242483. 3rd Bn 141 Inf sentry at V234469 to watch N and NE slopes of HILL 827. Nothing unusual in front of Co K. Co L observed general movement of enemy to front of Co K. Patrols sent out by Co L encountered a little small arms fire to left flank of Co K. (Cont'd)	

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	31	(Cont'd)	<p>Enemy mortar spotted at V234457, will bring Arty fire on it after next flash. Have conferred with 3rd Bn 142 Inf S-3. Two patrols will leave 3rd Bn 141 Inf at 2200A; one patrol to REHAUPAL and one patrol to RUPT. Harassing Arty fire, one Rd every 15 minutes, on RUPT from 2200 to 0200A. Patrol of 3rd Bn 143 Inf observed only dead Germans. Gap between Bns 1500 Yds. A few casualties due to mortar or Howitzer of heavy caliber vicinity THOLY falling along W slopes of HILL 827 and along main supply route at V225465. Casualties from the four direct hits on CP at V226461 last night were - one killed and three wounded.</p>
2145	32		<p>Lt Knox, S-2 3rd Bn, reports sentries at roadblock received two rifle shots while digging in. Shots came from woods on S side of road and apparently were from an enemy patrol. A few rounds of heavy mortar falling in draw S of HILL 827. Approximately four rounds of Arty fell along road W of roadblock this afternoon.</p>
2255	33		<p>Capt Beasley reported in from Division with Opns Instructions dated 022100A.</p>

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<u>143RD AT 0700 A ELEMENTS</u> <u>3RD BN. MET SOME OPPOSITION</u> <u>ACROSS RIVER. ELEMENTS IN</u> <u>LAVELINE, 1ST BN. ADVANCED</u> <u>NO OPPOSITION. 141ST AT 0800 A</u> <u>G AND B Co. VIC. 235515 NO</u> <u>OPPOSITION REPORTED.</u>		
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Capt. Stanley, 3rd Bn, 141st Inf. reported mortar barrage at 232457. German automatic weapons and American M-1 firing at 233450. A burst of enemy MG at 233458. Wanted to know if there were any other patrols in 3rd Bn vicinity.

Maj. Sorenson asked Div to check with 3rd Div on patrols of 30th Inf. 30th Inf has no patrols in 3rd Bn area. Additional information: 30th Inf is now moving to ELOY33. 2nd Bn of 30th Inf on move to close in assembly area at 220845. At 0630X they will attack 3 along 44 moving to take HILL 321 220842.

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Patrol of 3rd Bn 141st Inf. patrol to REHAUPAI was sent out at 2300X at 2300X where it was engaged by enemy MG fire. Chas. (Lump) was killed. Proceeded along that line to high ground point. Did not get into REHAUPAI. Enemy roadblock at 240845 on HILL - REHAUPAI road. Patrol of 3rd Bn 141st Inf to HILL ran into enemy 175 Yds to front, when returned to go for instructions. Sent out again to S. slope of HILL 327 where patrol engaged 3 Germans who made an attempt to get away but fought with hand grenades.

3rd Bn 141st Inf reports all quiet.

Co K patrol from 3rd Bn 142nd Inf left their roadblock at 1900A, followed along main road 100 Yds where patrol by-passed houses upon hearing German activity. Proceeded on to H-3 secondary road near junction with main road at 241427. 3rd and heard enemy activity in all houses along road and heard vehicles using H-3 secondary road. One track vehicle was heard going S along this road. Patrol arrived at point around 2400A, returned along main road to CP at 0230A.

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0040		1			Capt Hunley, 3rd Bn, said 3rd Bn patrols reported mortar barrage at 232457. German automatic weapon and American M-1 firing at 236450. A burst of enemy MG at 235458. Wanted to know if there were any other patrols in 3rd Bn vicinity.	
0100		2			Maj Sorenson asked Div to check with 3rd Div on patrols of 30th Inf. 30th Inf has no patrols in 3rd Bn area. Additional information: 30th Inf CP now moving to ELOYES. 2nd Bn of 30th Inf on move to close in assembly area at V205445. At 0630A they will attack E along 44 northing to take HILL 781 V258442.	
0100		3			Patrol reports from 3rd Bn 141 Inf: Patrol to REHAUPAL went to NE nose of HILL 827 at 237469 where it ran into enemy. Probed N for 800 Yds. Challenged by enemy sentries along that line to high ground N of that point. Did not get into REHAUPAL. Enemy roadblock at 242484 on HOUX - REHAUPAL road. Patrol of Co K 141 Inf to RUPT ran into enemy 175 Yds to front, then returned to Co for instructions. Sent out again to SE slope of HILL 827 where patrol engaged 8 Germans who made an attempt to get away but fought with hand grenades.	
0200		4			3rd Bn 141 Inf reports all quiet.	
0250		5			Co K patrol from 3rd Bn 142 Inf left their roadblock at 1900A, followed along main road 400 yds where patrol by-passed houses upon noting German activity. Proceeded on to N-S secondary road near junction with main road at 241447. Saw and heard enemy activity in all houses along route and heard vehicles using N-S secondard road. One track vehicle was heard going N along this road. Patrol arrived at point around 2300A, returned along main road to CP at 0230A.	
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TO : 032400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 3 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0255		6		3rd Bn 141 Inf reports Co I 142 Inf patrol contacted them at 0255A. All quiet.	
	0500	7		Maj Clyburn reported patrol reports to Div.	
0600		8		Patrol of Co L left at 0110A, returned at 0545A. Contacted CP of 3rd Bn of 143 Inf at LAVINE. Reports that the Co of 143 Inf are in the same location. They also have a roadblock at 241485 manned by one Plat of Co L, one AT gun, and a Sec of HMGs. On the way back patrol contacted a patrol of the 2nd Bn of 143 Inf. Nothing to report.	
0855		9		Main effort of 30th Inf attack will be along 44 northing E to obj HILL 781. 2nd Bn 30th Inf LD is at V2044, now 400-600 Yds out from there with no report of enemy.	
	0900	10		Capt Terrell sent with Lt Fisher to select assembly area for 3rd Bn.	
0935		11		Lt Col Graham reported in from duties with 2nd Bn to began duties as Regt Exec Officer.	
	1000	12		Lt Col Gillette reported to Regt CP. Gen Stack assigned him to 3rd Bn as CO.	
	1055	13		Maj Clyburn reported patrol situation to G02.	
1105		14		Gen Dahlquist visited Regt CP and conferred with Gen Stack.	
	1115	15		Gen Stack ordered one Co of 3rd Bn 141 Inf to attack N from HILL 827 to clean out any enemy resistance in its sector and contact roadblock established by 143 Inf at 240486. 3rd Bn 142 Inf to reach out to 228458 and to cover the gap created by the withdrawal of Co I 141 Inf to make attack north. 3rd Bn will be relieved tonight by Co F 142 Inf reinforced. (Cont'd)	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 3 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
		15	(Cont'd)		Lt Col Gillette will be attached to 3rd Bn. Maj Young will remain in Comd of 3rd Bn and Lt Col Gillette will be used as observer.	
1145		16			Locations of 141 Inf: Co G 245524, Co E 241522, Co F 400 yds SW of objective at 237536, meeting scattered enemy resistance and Arty fire. 2nd Bn 30th Inf at 1000A at 233445, 1st Bn at 233433 meeting stiff small arms and Arty fire	
1500		17			Report from Lt Crocker with I & R Plat: Contacted 3rd Div at 0945A. They were not moving, also no resistance. Patrol went up HILL 721 at 1200A meeting no Germans but found well prepared enemy positions which were unoccupied. Div notified.	
1510		18			Locations of 141st Inf at 1450: Co G 245524, Co E 242522, Co A 246516, Co B 236512, Co C 233510, Co F 232531. Locations of 143 Inf at 1200A: Co B 245505, Co C 242503, Co A 242500, Co I 241490, Co L 241486; 2nd Bn 220483.	
1515		19			Co I 141 Inf jumped off on attack to N at 1500A	
	1550	20			Maj Sorenson phoned Co I of 141 Inf. The Co has not jumped off as yet as they are waiting on tanks and TDs to get in position. A few Germans infiltrated into Co K's position and threw a few hand grenades. Also a few rounds of enemy mortar fell in Co K's sector.	
1605		21			Capt Rambo, CO of tanks, reports Plat of tanks and TDs are trying to get into position to assist Co I 141 Inf but all trails end before they can get to top of hill. Maj Sorenson notified Lt Col Lundquist, CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf, of the situation.	
1630		22			Gen Stack returned from 3rd Bn 141 CP and reports Lt Col Lundquist believes enemy in front of Co K this afternoon were ones displaced by 3rd Div attack.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

Place: CP TENDON

Date: 3 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT					
1720		23			Gen Dahlquist phoned and Gen Stack gave him the situation and details on attack of Co I 141 Inf and relief of 3rd Bn 142 Inf by Co F reinforced.	
1725		24			CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf reports Co I still has not moved. Gen Stack ordered him to get a staff officer with tanks and TDs and get Co I moving.	
	1730	25			Gen Stack ordered that patrols from 3rd Bn 141 Inf go to open ground V242464 and another to edge of woods V240457	
	1730	26			Maj Clyburn gave patrol missions for night to 3rd Bn 141 Inf S-2 and to 2nd Bn S-2: 3rd Bn 141 Inf patrol "A" from Bn position to V240457 and return. Patrol "B" from Bn position to 242464 and return. Patrol "C" make contact with 143 Inf. 2nd Bn 142 Inf (Co F): Patrol # 1 along S side of Hwy from Co position to V243445 and return. Patrol # 2 along N side of Hwy from Co position to DEMONGESTAT and return. Patrol # 3 make contact with 3rd Bn 141 Inf. Patrols strictly reconnaissance to observe and listed for any enemy activity and report to be made upon return to this Hq by telephone	
	1730	27			Additional patrol instructions for 3rd Bn 141 Inf (Entry # 25): Patrol also to contact 143 Inf. Co F relieving 3rd Bn 142 Inf will send patrols to DEMONGESTAT. An overlay will be sent to each unit.	
1735		28			Div reports 143 Inf 1st Bn Co A V245496 cleaning out town. Co B V245505 working E toward HILL 763. Co C V242505. Cos I & L abreast V242490. Co K on the left flank going east.	
	1835	29			Lt Crocker ordered to go to contact 30th Inf to find out their dispositions and intentions for tonight and tomorrow.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 3 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NC.	TIME DATED	OR M.G.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				SECRET	
	1835	30			Maj Sorenson called 3rd Bn 141 Inf and asked their situation. No further recurrence of enemy against Co K.	
1850		31			141 Inf locations at 1820A: Co F 232532 moving to objective 237536. Arm'd column at 240528. Co E 241522, Co G 245525 moving toward objective 254428, Co A 245515, Co B 236511, Co C 232510.	
1910		32			Positions of 141 Inf: Co A 247518, Co C 242513, Co B 245515, Co E 244525, Co F 231531, Co G 247524. 141 Arm'd Task Force V227537; BTF V237506. (Phoned in by Div G-3)	
1950		33			Lt Crocker reports: Location of the 30th Inf: Co E behind Co G at 240436, Co F 232442, Co A 237430, Co B 240426, Co C 232432, Cos K and L 233426.	
2005		34			CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf reports that they advanced 300 yds and received cross fire, at this point dug in and are now working out on new attack. Thought that they would attack in the morning. Gen Stack ordered Col Lundquist to continue the attack as soon as possible.	
	2030	35			G-3 notified of the locations of the 30th Inf.	
2040		36			Gen Dahlquist called and Maj Sorenson gave him the situation of 3rd Bn 141 Inf. Gen Stack also talked with Gen Dahlquist. Gen Stack reports that he is going to push out Co F in the morning. Maj Clyburn called 3rd Bn 141 Inf S-3 and informed them that the Gen wants these patrols to go out tonight as shown on the overlay. Also called Capt Carry, Co F of our 2nd Bn, and told him that the Gen ordered all the patrols to go out tonight	
	2050	37			Maj Sorenson called G-3 and reported the situation of 3rd Bn 141 Inf and also reports that the Gen ordered the attack to continue. 3rd Bn 141 Inf now working out a new plan.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 3 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	OR NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
2125		38			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn, reports that Co F closed in their new position. Capt Carey, Co F, has two patrols toward the town, one on each side of the road. Also a patrol to contact the 3rd Bn 141 Inf.	
	2200	39			Gen Stack sent Lt Crocker with the following instructions to Capt Carey: The 3d Div is going to attack some time tonight, but don't know the time. Warn the patrol that is going to the roadblock. Also prepare early in the morning (0630A) to move your units forward to the forward edge of the clearing where you can command the open ground to the front in the direction of THOLY (DEMENGESTAT).	
	2220	40			G-3 was notified of the verbal order of the relief of our 3rd Bn by Co F reinforced.	
2240		41			Capt Hunley, 3rd Bn, reported that they have completed the relief and are closed in at new location.	
2245		42			Capt Carey, Co F, reports that the # 3 patrol contacted the 141 Inf.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 118

FROM: 021200A Oct. 1944
TO : 031200A Oct. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
3 Oct 1944

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- k. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:
- a. Enemy front line: No definite front line.
 - b. Units in contact: See Par 1.d.(2).
 - c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: No enemy activity noted during period except occasional Arty fire.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy Inf activity limited to short clashes with our patrols at V237469, V239475 and V241463. Patrols to secondary road leading N from V242446 reported encountering no enemy but reported enemy activity believed to be outposts in houses vicinity V234454, V236450, and V236454.
 - (3) Artillery: Enemy ARTY generally lighter and scattered throughout Regt sector.
 - d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None
2. OWN SITUATION:
- a. 3rd Bn 142 Inf and 3rd Bn 141 Inf (Atchd) held positions as shown on overlay. Patrols were active to N and E. (See Par 1)
 - b. 1st and 2nd Bns remained in assembly positions as shown on overlay.

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TO : 042400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TINDON
Date: 4 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0140		1		CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf reports Co I patrol went to S of HILL 827, has returned and did not contact enemy.	
0200		2		3rd Bn 141 Inf reports all quiet. No information from Cos B and C patrols.	
0300		3		All quiet in 3rd Bn 141 Inf sector. Co L brought back negative report.	Patrol from
0400		4		All quiet in 3rd Bn 141 Inf sector. Co K going to RUPT went about 500 yds to front, circled town without going in, and did not have any contact with the enemy. Picked up a new German shovel.	Patrol from
0515		5		Patrol reports given to G-2 by Maj Clyburn.	
0540		6		Two patrols from Co F 142 Inf left at 2100A. One to vicinity 233450 returned at 0225 - nothing to report except hearing small arms fight to front. The other patrol to 237452 returned at 0230A, - nothing to report. No enemy in houses and no motor movement.	
0545	0545	7		Maj Clyburn gave situation to G-3. Additional patrol reports given to G-2.	
0630		8		Information from G-3: 2nd Bn 143 Inf is sending out a six-man patrol every half-hour to road at 220480 and continuing to 230478. Patrols being sent out as a protection to their right flank.	
0715		9		Maj Lynch, S-3 143 Inf, reports 143 Inf has relieved 3rd Bn 143 Inf with the 2nd Bn 143 Inf. 2nd Bn will put one Co on HILL 728.	
0725		10		CO 3rd Bn 143 Inf reports taking objective. One Plat of Co I at 239470; one Plat at 239469. Tanks and TDS one each flank. One Plat of Co K at 238466. One Plat Co K at 238463. One Plat Co K remaining in position.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TINDON
Date: 4 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0800	0740	11			Co F ordered to push forward to commanding ground vicinity 233456. Ordered by Gen Stack.	
		12			2nd Bn 30th Inf reported at 245440.	
	0845	13			Maj Clyburn informed 3rd Bn 141 Inf about 30th Inf positions and intentions. Also informed of Co F position.	
	0900	14			132 FA FDC given our situation and location of 30th Inf.	
	0930	15			Lt Crocker ordered to take I & R motorized patrol and contact 30th Inf. Check at their CP to see if they are advancing.	
0945	0940	16			Maj Clyburn talked to Capt Carey, CO Co F, and the Co has moved forward and Capt Carey is now placing the platoons in position.	
		17			G-3 phoned. Maj Clyburn gave our locations and locations of 3rd Bn 141 Inf, also details on Co F 142 Inf that relieved 3rd Bn 142 Inf.	
	1000	18			Gen Stack left for 3rd Bn 141 Inf, then enroute to Co F 142 Inf CP.	
1125		19			Capt Carey called. His platoons have completed their move forward and are now in position V239457-V233454.	
1130		20			Lt Crocker returned. 2nd Bn 30th Inf are attacking objective "C" V256440, Co G leading with Co E following; Co F on left flank coord V242446.	
1140		21			Gen Dahlquist phoned. Maj Clyburn gave him the situation.	

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TO : 042400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TINDON
Date: 4 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1142		22			Gen Stack returned to CP. Talked to Gen Dahlquist on position of 141 Inf and Co F. Co I 141 Inf took eight PWS last night. They state that their Co moved in last night and was 48 men strong. Three Cos in front of 3rd Bn 141 Inf position. Gen Dahlquist stated HERPELMONT not taken, but not too important that they take the town.	
	1215	23			Gen Stack ordered CO753 Tk Co to get three tanks to 3rd Bn 141 Inf immediately.	
	1220	24			Gen Stack ordered the Engrs to go to roadblock and check it for mines, then they will be given further orders to move physical block.	
1335		25			Col Merrill, CWO of Div, reports bridge at DOCELLES out tonight from 2300A to 0600A hours. Traffic use one-way road E of river out of DOCELLES to JEMINIL. There is a telephone control on both ends, but road should not be used except for urgent necessities. Bridge at DOCELLES to be replaced by a timber bridge.	
	1350	26			Maj Sorenson called Capt Carey, CO Co F. Men are in position and dug in well. Contact patrol to 30th Inf not back yet. Attack of 30th Inf does not seem to be progressing and a good fight seems evident.	
1400		27			Lt Morton of Engrs reports main TENDON - THOLY road now clear of obstructions to point 232455. Gen Stack ordered Engrs to clear few logs on trail 227455.	
1400		28			Locations of 143 Inf: Co E 242490, Co G 241480, Co F to the rear and between two Cos, Co K 226477.	
	1440	29			Gen Stack ordered Maj Sorenson to notify 3rd Bn 141 Inf that road turning off from TENDON - THOLY road V228454 is now open. Not to use this road for tanks and TDs unless absolutely necessary. (Cont'd)	

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FROM: 040000A Oct 1944
TO: 042400A Oct 1944
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TINDON
Date: 4 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		29	(Cont'd)		Can be used for supplies tonight. Co F 142 Inf has a 10-man outpost at road junction.	
1450		30			Capt Carey, CO Co F, reports that the contact patrol sent to 30th Inf has returned. Received some shots from enemy stragglers at a point 700 Yds S of our roadblock. Could hear a small arms fight in direction of 30th Inf.	
	1452	31			Gen Stack ordered Co F to send another patrol to contact 30th Inf and for patrol to continue until contact is made.	
	1455	32			Maj Sorenson phoned the details to Capt Carey. Also given positions of 30th Inf as of 1200A.	
1455		33			Lt Powers reports Engrs swept road and found no mines. When they began removing physical block enemy Arty fell on block. 2nd Bn A & P Plat will remove trees from side road in their Co area, Engrs will remove trees toward 3rd Bn 141 Inf.	
1500		34			Co I 141 Inf reports they are on their objective coord V239475.	
1505		35			Capt Carey, CO Co F, reports 15 to 20 rounds of enemy Arty fell on their position. One man wounded. Sending a patrol to two houses directly to his front. Have not observed movement, but just checking again.	
	1510	36			Maj Sorenson gave Capt Newell, G-3, the situation of Co F patrols and that Co I 141 Inf is on obj.	
1525		37			Col Sladed, Div, phoned and asked for one Plat of tanks and TDs for 143 Inf. Gen Stack gave him permission to use them.	
	1530	38			Maj Sorenson phoned 143 Inf. They will send a staff officer guide to 142 Inf CP to pick them up.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 040000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 042400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TINDON

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 4 Oct 1944

		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	
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1620		39		Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP. Phoned Chief of Staff 3rd Div and informed him of supply route available to 30th Inf.
1635		40		Gen Stack returned to CP and conferred with Gen Dahlquist. Discussed future boundaries and objectives of Div, plus plans of committing each Regt in order to give each an equal amount of rest.
	1700	41		Gen Dahlquist left Regt CP.
	1705	42		Gen Stack ordered the Engrs to begin moving roadblock with dozer at 2000A. Before dusk they can continue removal of mines
	1710	43		Maj Sorenson notified Capt Carey about the Engrs removing roadblock. Capt Carey stated that he would have to withdraw approximately ten men.
1715	1715	44		Maj Clyburn reported patrol results of the day to G-2.
	1745	45		Maj Sorenson called Rondo Blue, and reported that he wants a report on the number hand grenades, Rifle grenades, Bazookas that had been received tonite.
1855		46		Capt Beasley phoned the following information: 30th Inf 1st Bn V2443, 2nd Bn V2444, 3rd Bn V2342. Patrols have been to road at V243444. Regt not sure of plans for tonight but believes will hold above positions. Moderate heavy casualties, and troops greatly fatigued. 179th Inf 1st Bn V2361, 2nd Bn V2260, 45th Div CP at SERCOEUR. BSL V3049, V3550, V3653, V3757, V3858, V3860, V3765, V4066, V3676.
	1900	47		Lt Glass and Mine Plat of AT Co was ordered to furnish security and protection for Engrs while removing physical roadblock coord V223456.
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TO : 042400A Oct 1944
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TINDON
Date: 4 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER TIME OR NO. IN MSG.	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK.
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1910		48		Patrol from Co I 141 Inf contacted patrol of 143 Inf at V237477. 143 Inf patrols will contact this 141 Inf patrol at 2230A and every two hours thereafter.	
	2000	49		CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf notified of above patrols.	
	2045	50		Gen Stack ordered the following attack: Cos K and L 141 Inf with bazookas, rifle grenades, will attack at 050800A Oct 44. They will comb the woods, destroy enemy in their zone, and seize forward slopes of HILL 827, commanding open ground. Tanks will be used with Co K if practicable, but no delay in time of attack must occur if tanks are late. Overlay (attached) to air photo 4066.	
2000		51		Locations of 143 Inf: Co C on HILL 763 252505, Co B S of Co C and to rear, Co A 248500 will organize and patrol to front, Roadblock 242483, Co G 243484, Co E 244486, Co F 243489 platoon 245491. 141 Inf Co A 255521, Co B 257522, Co C behind Cos A & B, Co E 245528 platoon 250528, Co G 255529, Co F 233533, roadblock 250514, roadblock 252518	
2125		52		Co I 141 Inf observer can see REHAUPAL and is delivering fire upon it. Div G-3 notified.	
2200		53		Patrol from Co F made contact with 3rd Div. Patrol is staying with 3rd Div tonight	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 119

FROM: 031200A Set. 1944
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TRENCH, France
042100A Oct 1944
Hq 142 Inf
4 Oct 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact: See Par 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Noticeable lack of enemy activity during period both in Inf and Arty.
 - (2) Infantry: Only one instance of enemy contact reported. 3rd Bn, 141 Inf, encountered some resistance (estimated to be one Co) consisting of MG and AW crossfire at V237469 which forced our troops to take defensive positions. Ren patrols to V245467, V242458, V239452 and V236448 made negative reports.
 - (3) Arty scattered rounds of Arty during afternoon vicinity HILL 827 by 3rd Bn 141.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 5
 - (2) Identifications: 1st and 2nd Cox 308 PGR

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. Co F 142 Inf reinforced with one Sec HMGs and one Sec 81mm mortars, relieved 3rd Bn 142 Inf on positions vicinity V222458 during the night. This morning Co F moved forward to a line V239457 to 233454 going into position at 1115A.
- b. 3rd Bn 141 Inf attached, held position vicinity HILL 827 and on order attacked this morning with one Co N to point at 241477, and East to point at 243467, with missions of commanding open ground to front by fire, and clearing enemy in sector.
- c. 1st and 2nd Bns remained in assembly areas as shown on overlay.
- d. 3rd Bn 142 Inf closed in assembly area vicinity XAMONTARUPT at 032240A Oct. Bn atchd, attacks at 050800 Oct, achieves objectives as shown on atchd overlay, comb woods and destroys enemy in its zone; it then establishes a defensive dug-in position on eastern slopes of HILL 827 commanding open ground.

1. 132nd Ft Bn, with Co G 142 Inf atchd, in direct support of the Regt (see overlay).

2. 1st Co, less 1st Mine Plat, assembles in reserve position vicinity coord V-192467, rests, reequips and prepares for further action.

3. 1st Mine Plat in Regt R-3 via TRENCH prepared to move upon order.

4. Plat Co B 141 Inf on position work on enemy road to the TRENCH - TRENCH road received. It then attacks via coord V-302453 and achieves objectives.

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Hq RCT 142
TENDON, France
042400A Oct 1944

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Maps: FRANCE, 1:50,000, Sheet XXXV-18

1. Current.

2. RCT 142 with following attachments:

3rd Bn 141st Inf
Co A 636 TD Bn (less 2 Plats)
Co B 753 Tk Bn (less 2 Plats)
Co B 111 Med Bn
Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn

continues to protect right rear of Div from HILL 721 (V-225445) to coord V-240479 and maintains contact with 3rd Inf Div on right.

3. a. 1st Bn 142 Inf in Regt Res vic coord V-204468 rests, reorganizes, reequips, receives replacements and prepares for further action.
- b. 2nd Bn, 142 Inf (less Co F reinf) in Res vic coord V-192474 rests, reorganizes, reequips, receives replacements and prepares for further action.
- c. 3rd Bn, 142 Inf in Res vic XAMONTARUPT rests, reorganizes, reequips, receives replacements and prepares for further action.
- d. Co F reinf with 1st Plat and 1st Sec 3rd Plat Co H defends from HILL 721 (V-225445) to coord V-234459; maintains contact by patrols with 2nd Bn, 30th Inf and with 3rd Bn, 141st Inf (see atchd overlay for dispositions).
- e. 3rd Bn, 141st Inf with 3rd Plat Co A 636 TD Bn and 3rd Plat Co C 753 Tk Bn atchd, attacks at 050800 Oct, seizes objectives as shown on atchd overlay, combs woods and destroys enemy in its zone; it then establishes a defensive dug-in position on eastern slopes of HILL 827 commanding open ground.
- f. 132nd FA Bn, with Cn Co 142 Inf atchd, in direct support of the Regt (see overlay).
- g. AT Co, less AT Mine Plat, assembles in reserve position vicinity coord V-196467, rests, reequips and prepares for further action.
- h. AT Mine Plat in Regt Res vic TENDON prepared to reinforce Co F on order.
- i. Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn continues work on enemy road block on TENDON - THOLY road until removed. It then assembles vic coord V-205465 and prepares for further action.

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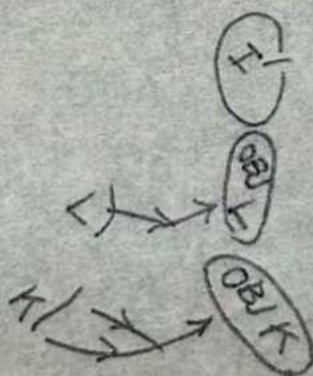
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Organization: 142 Inf
 Place: OF TRENCH
 Date: 6 Oct 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
 ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
 APC # 36, U. S. ARMY

TIME	DATE	REMARKS
0003	1	
0015	2	
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0045	4	
0100	5	
0115	6	
0130	7	
0145	8	
0200	9	
0215	10	
0230	11	
0245	12	

2nd Bn 142 Inf reports that the patrol that went out from Co I position went out to 224500, there they heard traffic moving and up on the way. The patrol that was supposed to contact 142 Inf has not returned at 224500.

Major roadblock reports that they were fired upon by Germans. Maj Sorenson called Capt Carey, Co F 142 Inf, and he reports that it glassed off with a lot of Germans on each side of the roadblock.

Maj Sorenson phoned the above patrol report to 142 Inf.

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Capt Sorenson reports that he sent a patrol out from Co I position that they heard Germans on ridge west past the bend on the road at 224500 but does not know how many enemy are there. Also has established an outpost. Div notified.

3rd Bn 142 Inf reports all quiet in their sector. Patrol sent to contact 142 Inf at 223000 has not yet returned. Another patrol has been sent.

Co F reports details were not returned.

2nd Bn 142 Inf reports that patrol went to 224500 but not returned.

Co G reports patrol has not returned.

3rd Bn 142 Inf reports patrol sent to 224500 not sent as far east of road as 224500 and two returned.

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FROM: 050000A Oct 1944
TO : 052400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 5 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0003		1			3rd Bn 141 Inf reports that the patrol that went out from Co I position went 500 yds to 240456, there they heard traffic moving E and NE on the Hwy. The patrol that was suppose to contact 143 Inf had not returned at 2345A.	
0010		2			Engr roadblock reports that they were fired upon by Germans. Maj Sorenson called Capt Carey, CO Co F 142 Inf, and he reports that Lt Glass estimates a Plat of Germans on each side of the roadblock.	
	0020	3			Maj Sorenson phoned the above patrol report to G-2.	
0020		4			Lt Powers reports that they have the road cleared up to 232452 when they received smalls arms fire. Believe it to be a German patrol that ran into them.	
0245		5			Capt Carey, CO Co F, reports that he sent a patrol out and this patrol reports that they heard Germans on ridge just past the bend in the road at 234452, but does not know how many enemy are there. Also has established an outpost. Div notified.	
0400		6			3rd Bn 141 Inf reports all quiet in their sector. Patrol sent to contact 143 Inf at 2230A has not yet returned. Another patrol has been sent.	
0600		7			Co F reports patrols have not returned.	
0605		8			3rd Bn 141 Inf reports that patrol sent to RAHAUPAL has not returned.	
0605		9			Co G reports patrols have not returned.	
0630		10			3rd Bn 141 Inf reports patrol sent to REHAUPAL met small arms fire east of RUPT. One man killed, one wounded and two returned.	
0645		11			Co F reports patrol to V243450 remained in group of houses for approximately 1/2 hour, heard no vehicles and saw no enemy, but heard MG and rifle fire a short distance to SE.	

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TO : 052400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 5 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SERV TIME MO. DAY YR	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
	0700	12		Maj Clyburn phoned patrol reports to G-2.	
0745		13		Capt Carey, CO Co E, reports patrol to roadblock were fired on by two snipers. Left two men to pick them off. Men sent to investigate houses to front of Co F were fired on by snipers from S slopes of HILL 827.	
0800		14		3rd Bn 141 Inf called and reports that the attack jumped off and that Co L has contacted the enemy.	
0835		15		Capt Carey reports patrol from 30th Inf has returned with a patrol from 30th Inf. Reports 30th Inf positions as follows: Co A V238426, Co B V237427, Co C V239435, 1st Bn CP V236427, Regt CP at ELOYES, 2nd Bn Co F V240436.	
0845		16		Co F patrol sent to investigate houses in front of their positions has received approximately five rounds of mortar fire.	
0925		17		Gen Stack talked to CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf and Co K is held up and Co L taking heavy casualties from mortar fire.	
	0935	18		Lt Crocker ordered to take Regt I & R Plat and contact 3rd Div. Find out their locations and intentions for today.	
	0925	19		Gen Stack phoned Gen Dahlquist and inquired about committing the remainder of 2nd Bn 142 Inf between Co F 142 Inf and Co K 141 Inf. Estimates an attack can be launched by 1500A.	
	0935	20		Gen Stack ordered 2nd Bn 142 Inf to be prepared for immediate movement to HILL 827 and for CO 2nd Bn to report to Regt CP immediately. Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 5 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0940		21			Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, arrived at CP and Gen Stack gave him the following orders: Move Bn by way of TENDON to assembly area vicinity Co F CP, then move deep in woods on S slope of HILL 827 and attack toward RUPT. Clean out woods and take up positions commanding open ground toward REHAUPAL. Attack to begin by 1500A and area cleaned by dark. Keep contact with 3rd Bn 141 Inf on left. If necessary pull a platoon of Co F and put in position on lower slopes to the S of HILL 827 to protect your right flank, but leave sufficient force at roadblock on TENDON - THOLY road.	
1010		22			Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA, obtained permission from Gen Stack to fire on enemy locations coord V271468 and V245470.	
	1015	23			Gen Stack ordered 3rd Div notified of our 2nd Bn attack. Maj Sorenson phoned the information to them.	
1020		24			Capt Beasley reports 30th Inf: 1st Bn V250435, 2nd Bn V244444, 3rd Bn V233418. BSL V3515-V3822-V3530-VK3245-then as before. German roadblocks on HERPELMONT road clear. 141 Inf on objective coord V260515.	
1040		25			Information from 3rd Div 30th Inf. Co E 242438, Co F 244438, Co G 244444. 2nd Bn objective V225455; 1st Bn objective HILL 781.	t
	1045	26			Gen Stack ordered Capt Scott to make reconnaissance on how AT Co can be used in any way to hold ground and road vicinity REHAUPAL.	
	1115	27			Gen Stack ordered 132 FA to send up another observer to the 3rd Bn 141 Inf as observer with them has been wounded.	
	1125	28			Gen Stack called Gen Dahlquist. Cos K and L attack making slow progress. 3rd Bn 141 Inf will be relieved by midnight tonight.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 052400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TENDON

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 5 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1130		29			Lt Crocker returned from contacting 30th Inf. Nobody moving but both Bns fighting.	
	1140	30			Gen Stack phoned Gen Dahlquist on 30th Inf infor.	
1142		31			Capt Carey reports approximately 50 to 60 rounds of mortar fire fell in open area to left of Co F positions and a few in Co positions. No casualties reported. Nine rounds fell in 141 Inf sector. Patrols are out to clean out snipers vicinity of roadblock. One man wounded from sniper fire.	
1205		32			Capt Carey reports that there is sniper fire from V237457. Also located five different locations of the enemy on S side of road between TENDON and HOLY coord V233449. Gen Stack ordered the patrol S of road to continue and determine exact number of enemy. Patrol N of road to be withdrawn and Co F to put mortar fire on sniper positions at V237457.	
1220		33			Maj Sorenson received following information of 3rd Bn 141 Inf. Co L advanced about 200 yds. Co K held up, meeting stiff resistance. Co K withdrawing from stonewall to their front and Arty and mortar fire being placed on enemy in position at stone wall.	
1255		34			143 Inf S-3 phoned following information: Co G V249476, rest of Bn to rear and on top of hill on N side of road. Co A V250495, Cos B and C on HILL 783. Cos I and L advancing on HILL 809 with Co K following. Center of Bn at V253495.	t
	1310	35			Lt Col Graham talked to CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf. He is pulling Co K back and putting mortar fire on enemy in position along stone wall vicinity RUPT.	
1430		36			G-3 phoned: 143 Inf Co L 253494, Co I 254496, Co E 245484, Co G 243482; 141 Inf Co A 258519, Co B 262518, Co G 252527 (facing E and S around 258521, Co E 243526, Plat Co F 242524 and one 236524. 1415A	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 5 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
	1455	37		Maj Sorenson phoned 2nd Bn. Mortar fire on sniper positions did not clean them out. Bn about prepared to jump off on scheduled attack.	
1510		38		Maj Middleton reports 2nd Bn jumped off at 1505. No resistance.	
	1520	39		Maj Sorenson gave positions of our units to 143 Inf. 143 Inf positions Co G 250478, Co E 253480 NE and SW line, Co B 253502, Co C 254506. One Co of 3rd Bn V251492. Sending acontact patrol to Co I 141 Inf.	
1550		40		2nd Bn reports Co G contacted enemy, also Co K of 141 Inf.	
	1610	41		Maj Sorenson reported the situation to G-3.	
	1610	42		Gen Stack ordered CO 3rd Bn 141 Inf to attack with all 3 Cos of 3rd Bn 141 Inf.	
1630		43		143 Inf phoned and wants our patrol to contact their Co G in REHAUPAL tonight. Troops now within 500 Yds of town.	
	1645	44		Gen Stack ordered Lt Col Graham to notify 143 Inf that 141 Inf is taking tanks with them toward RUPT.	
	1700	45		Gen Stack ordered Maj Sorenson to go to 2nd Bn CP to see how attack was developing.	
	1715	46		Lt Crocker and I & R Plat left to contact 3rd Div 30th Inf.	
	1800	47		Gen Stack ordered Maj Minor to put all of 1st Bn on HILL 827 and fully relieve 3rd Bn 141 Inf.	
1815		48		Co G reports they are overlooking RUPT. Co E 200 yds behind. Maj Middleton making a recheck on positions.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 5 Oct 1944

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	1830	49			Maj Clyburn reported situation to Maj Lynch 143 Inf. Co G 143 still on high ground overlooking REHAUPAL.	
	1845	50			Gen Stack ordered Lt Col Graham to notify Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, to stop and hold positions now occupied and be prepared to continue the attack in the morning.	
1855		51			Lt Col Kilbourn reports Bn at coord V239462. Re-checking position.	
	1900	52			Gen Stack talked to Gen Dahlquist and gave him the situation on Co I 141 Inf and 2nd Bn 142 Inf.	
1915		53			Maj Sorenson returned from 2nd Bn.	n
1920		54			Lt Crocker returned with following information on 30th Inf: Co C 238435, Co A 241432, Co B HILL 779 239435, Cos L & K 235428-233430; 2nd Bn 233434. Battle patrol of approximately 50 men are on the left of Co F. Sending patrols across HILL 781 tonight. Co F to attack enemy roadblock south of OEMENGESTAT tonight. 30th Inf reports enemy armored column coming to enemy roadblock each morning at daybreak.	t
1920		55			Maj Middleton reports Bn's position now overlooking RUPT - REHAUPAL V242466. Can also see main road in valley.	
	1925	56			Major Sorenson notified Div G-3 of plans for Regt tonight. Bn organizing defense for the night. One Plat of Co F moved to position V240457. Co K V238464, Co L V235463, Co I V238473. Co F less one Plat remains in present position. AT mine Plat attached to Co F.	
	1940	57			Gen Stack gave Lt Col Graham orders for tomorrow. 1st Bn to contact Co E. Attack at about 90°. Co B to make contact with 143 Inf. 2nd Bn less Co F comb woods and contact	(Cont'd)

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
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		57 (Cont'd)	Cos A and C, then prepare to move E. The Bns to push over and establish a line from REHAUPAL to the SW. Both Bns start moving at 0800A.	
1950		58	132 FA reports then received a message from FO that Co G is at V243466. Co E V244465 setting up all around defense for the night.	
	1950	59	Gen Stack ordered a patrol from Co G or E to go to houses at RUPT tonight. 2nd Bn notified.	
2040		60	143 Inf reports no change in 2nd Bn positions.	
2045		61	Engrs to remove remainder of roadblock tonight. A tank with 75mm and 50 Cal is to furnish protection assisted by some men from Co F. They are to contact Capt Carey upon arriving at roadblock.	
2050		62	I & R Plat of 30th Inf reported at Regt CP. They are to contact our Co F, then return. Capt Carey, CO Co F, notified of the patrol on the way there.	
2110		63	S-4 called. Allotment of ammo per 81mm mortar per day is four rounds. Each Bn allotted 24 Rds 81mm light, 21 Rds 81mm HE, 21 Rds 81mm smoke per day. Now 5052 Rds of light, 159 Rds of HE and 96 Rds of smoke on hand.	
	2140	64	Maj Sorenson notified 2nd Bn of its orders for tomorrow's operations.	
	2225	65	Lt Col Graham phoned instructions for tomorrow to CO 1st Bn: Co B in position by Plats V236469; V240472, V246477.	
2320		66	2nd Bn reports Plat of Co F on S ndse of HILL 827, can hear heavy truck movement believed to be on N-S road from DEMENGESTAT to HILL 827. Will we be able to get any help from 1st Bn if needed?	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 120

FROM: 041200A Oct 1944
TO : 051200A Oct 1944

Hq 142 Inf
5 Oct 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact: See Par 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations during period:
 - (1) General: Enemy activity during period limited to defensive and harassing activity. Noticeable lack of Arty during period.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy Inf resisted our attack E from HILL 827 beginning at 0830A. Strength unknown. Fire fight in progress at close of period. Enemy patrol fired on Engrs working on roadblock at V232454 at 0010A and again at V233453 at 0400A forcing work to cease. Patrol E of RUPT encountered SA fire vic V245467 at 2400A which caused casualties. Patrols to V243456 and V243446 observed no enemy activity during night. Patrols sent to investigate conditions at roadblock at V233453 received sniper fire from vic V234447 and patrols sent to investigate houses at V235454 received sniper fire from vicinity V238458 and mortar fire.
 - (3) Artillery: About 15 Rds of 105mm Arty fell vic V228454 at about 1610A.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 6
 - (2) Identifications: 235 Regt Bn.

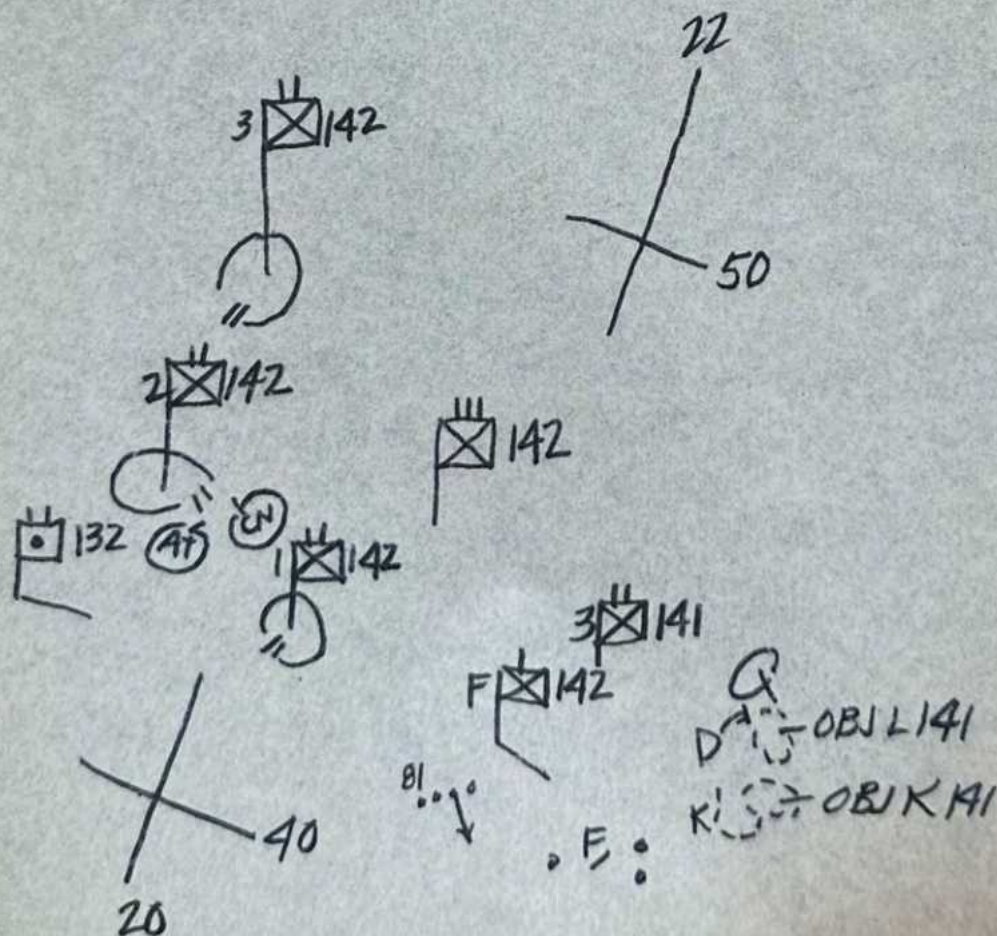
2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT, with 3rd Bn 141 Inf attached, held positions vicinity HILL 827 as shown on overlay.
- b. An attack to E and NE by Cos K and L 141 Inf jumped off at 0800 this morning. Heavy resistance was soon encountered.
- c. 2nd Bn 142 Inf (less Co F reinf) was ordered to close in assy area vic V230460 and to attack at 1500A today and by flanking enemy from S to take commanding open ground vic V240467.
- d. 1st and 3rd Bns remained in assembly areas as shown on overlay.

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UNIT RPT NO 120 OVERLAY
TO FO 27 HQ RCT 142
051207A OCT 44
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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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6 OCTOBER 1944

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FROM: 060000A Oct 1944
TO : 062400A Oct 1944
MAP : _____

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 6 OCT '44

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0035		1			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, called. Relief of 141 Inf 3rd Bn now complete on positions. 1st Bn 142 Inf now trying to make contact with 143 Inf.	
0040		2			Co F patrol left at 2030A, went to V244453 arriving there at 2140A. Remained in observation until 2215A. Returned along S side of Hwy to Co F. Saw no enemy activity. Heard hobnails on pavement this side of DEMENGESTAT. Lt Hanna, with one Plat Co F, vic V242456 reported hearing considerable vehicular activity to the east.	
	0045	3			Gen Stack given situation.	
0230		4			Lt Hanna 2nd Bn called. Said Plat of Co F on OP at V239458 was digging in when about a squad of Germans came out of woods between them and Cos E and G. Germans fled into woods again before Co F could recover. Plat later captured one prisoner.	
	0500	5			Maj Clyburn reported the situation to G-2.	
	0545	6			Maj Clyburn reported the situation and locations to G-3	
0540		7			Lt LaBarge, Co C, reports Co C is on the right and Co A is in the center. The night was quiet.	
0600		8			2nd Bn reports patrol from Co E that went toward REHAUPAL got as far as RUPT, found houses occupied by the enemy. Returned about 0145A.	
	0720	9			Lt Col Graham talked with Lt Col Denholm, CO 2nd Bn 143 Inf, and was told there was an AT gun and M-4 between 250475 and town, also some infantry.	
	0730	10			CO 1st Bn was informed of the above gun locations.	
	0830	11			Capt McSwain, with protection furnished by Regt I & R Plat, ordered to contact 30th Inf 3rd Div.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 6 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER. NO.	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0935		12		132 FA Ln 0 reports firing on a small group of enemy infantry at V245458.	
1000		13		2nd Bn reports that Co G outposts vicinity of RUPT were forced to withdraw.	
1050		14		Capt McSwain reported back from contacting 30th Inf: 2nd Bn Co E 242442, Co F 241443, Co G 244443. Reorganizing and getting small arms fire. Regt raider Plat V240440 held up by Arty and mortar fire. Regt CP at ELOYES. 2nd Bn receiving small arms fire from 249432. 1st Bn Co A 245427-247427, Co C 250420, Co B HILL 778. 1st Bn objective 252428.	
	1105	15		Maj Sorenson gave the situation to Capt Newell G-3.	
	1105	16		Gen Stack left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1115		17		Co C contacted Co E at V238463. Co C in contact with enemy.	
	1115	18		Lt Col Graham told 2nd Bn CO to push Co E on along with Co C to north toward Co B to sweep ridge of enemy.	
1145		19	1000	Msg from CG 36 Div: "Spot report as of 0945A. 141 Fwd elements - 1st Bn Co B 262519, Co A 257519; 2nd Bn Co E 246527, Co G 251524. 3rd Bn no change. 142 Fwd elements - 1st Bn Co A 236467, Co C 237463, 2nd Bn (less) vicinity 244466, Co F 220456 and 240456. 3rd Bn no change. 143 Inf Fwd elements - 1st Bn Co B 255503, Co C 254506. 2nd Bn Co E 252478; Plat Co F vicinity 253482. 3rd Bn vic 252499 to 254491 preparing to attack HILL 809 (258488). " (Msg # 1)	
1245		20		Gen Stack returned from 2nd Bn CP.	
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1250		21			Gen Dahlquist phoned and Gen Stack gave him the situation. Co B now in contact with Co G 143 Inf. Co C sweeping woods in conjunction with Co E. Co C approximately W of RUPT. Co G to police RUPT, then continue NE	
1315		22			CO 1st Bn reports Co B receiving self-propelled fire from vicinity REHAUPAL. Killed a few and wounded several.	
	1445	23			Gen Stack phoned Lt Col Kilbourne, 2nd Bn. Co G to clean out RUPT. Co E to advance with Co C on its left. Move forward until contact is made with Co B.	
	1450	24			Gen Stack ordered Maj Clyburn to find out if contact had been made with left Plat of Co B. CO 1st Bn reports that contact had been made, they were at 242484 moving toward REHAUPAL. Moving 800 yds down road. Co C about completed their mission. Contact patrols are out to contact Co E. Co E believed to be behind Co C	
1500		25			Maj Clyburn received information from 143 Inf. Co G no change, Co E 254479. Co F Regt reserve.	
1500		26			Capt Beasley phoned and reports no change in 30th Inf.	
	1645	27			Overlay and instructions for tonight and tomorrow were sent to each Bn CO and separate Co CO. Div given overlay.	
1850		28			I & R Plat returned from 30th Inf CP. The enemy roadblock S of DEMENGESTAT was unmanned. 30th Inf will occupy it with automatic weapons.	
1850		29			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports 2nd Bn still in same positions.	
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TIME	OUT	SER T. NO. D.	TYPE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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1915		30		Capt Beasley reports the following: 2nd Bn FOB located some 170mm enemy Btrys. We counter-battered them with 8 and 10 inch guns. 143 Inf attacks tomorrow morning with 2 Bns abreast and one Bn in reserve. Officer patrols of 141 Inf encountered small arms and mortar fire. An enemy column of troops moving N, NE out of CHAMPDRAY fired on by our Arty. 143 Inf had one tank hit by enemy AT gun. Information as of 1600A. Chemical Bn attached to Div; one Co to be attached to 141 Inf. Co C 141 Inf at 254518-250514-245511. Observed enemy digging in at 253528. Information as of 1700A. 2nd Bn 179 Inf 23 Easting between 58 and 60. 3rd Bn 180th Inf 24 Easting between 60 and 61.	
1930		31		CO 1st Bn reports that Co B is moving from 238474 to their objective. So far have not met any resistance. Was informed that the Plat of Co G would stay there all night. The 143 Inf is to attack REHAUPAL in the morning.	
	2130	32		Maj Sorenson gave the situation to Gen Stack. The Gen ordered 2nd Bn to continue the attack of mopping up by not later than 0900.	
2200		33		Maj Travis called and informed us that we would not receive replacements tomorrow. The replacements turned out to be a cadre, but not assigned to our Div.	
2215		34		2nd Bn reports that Cos E and G met stiff resistance at 245468, aerial photo 4068, pulled back to old positions to 242466. Plans to continue the attack by mopping up in the morning and setting up defensive positions. They are putting Arty fire on the enemy on a time schedule.	
2230		35		2nd Bn patrol reports that at 243453 they heard cutting brush and digging in, sounded like a large number.	

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FROM: 060000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

062400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TENDON

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 6 Oct 1944

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	OUT					
	2235	36			Last entry information phoned to G-2.	
2245		37			Co A 636 TDs will be relieved from attachment to us and the Bn less Co C is being relieved from Div and will revert to 45th Div.	

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UNIT REPORT

NO. 121

FROM: 051200A Oct. 1944
TO : 061200A Oct. 1944

Hq 142 Inf
6 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front lines: No definite front line.
- b. Units in contact. See Par. 1. d. (2).
- c. Enemy operation:
 - (1) General: Stubborn enemy resistance encountered throughout period making advance extremely slow and difficult on eastern slopes of HILL 827.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy Inf estimated at 4 Cos opposed our attack in the afternoon of 5 Oct making it necessary to employ additional forces to turn the enemy's flank and make advance possible. Patrols to RUPT report enemy occupying houses in area. Small group of enemy Inf taken under Arty fire at V245458 at 0915A. Our outpost vicinity RUPT forced to withdraw to Co positions by small enemy action at 1000. Our units still in contact at close of period.
 - (3) Artillery: Only a few instances of scattered rounds of enemy Arty reported.
 - (4) Engineers: Booby traps encountered vicinity V241461 to vicinity RUPT causing some casualties. Booby traps consist of fragmentation and concussion grenades with pull type igniters.
 - (5) Enemy movement: Our outpost and patrol vicinity V241478 reported heavy vehicular movement on road RAHAUPAL - THOLY beginning about 2300 and lasted until around 0430. Direction of movement could not be determined.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 12
 - (2) Identification: 5 & 6 Co 326 Regt; 4th Trp 608 Mobile Bn

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- (3) PW statement: PW taken vicinity V244466 from 608 Mobile Bn stated his unit somewhere in vicinity of RUPT but that he was from Bn supply and on way to join unit but on arrival was placed in 326 Regt. States supplies brought from KOLMAR to MULSTER by truck, then 12 Kms by horse drawn equipment, then loaded on trucks and delivered to units. Unit supply located in KOLMAR stated Bn had 3 troops of 120 strength each.

2. OWN SITUATION:

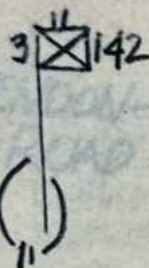
- a. Attack of 2nd Bn (less Co F) beginning at 1500 yesterday from vic V227460 by nightfall reached high ground at V243466-V244465 overlooking RUPT and REHAUPAL. One Platoon of Co F took pos on ridge at V239457, remainder of Co F held pos and RB as shown on overlay.
- b. 1st Bn relieved 3rd Bn 141 Inf (attached) during night on position as shown on overlay. Relief completed at 0040A. 3rd Bn 141 Inf passed to 141 Inf control.
- c. This morning 1st Bn was given mission of clearing enemy in sector between 1st and 2nd Bns and establishing contact with 2nd Bn. 2nd Bn to clear enemy and consolidate positions in its sector prepared for further movement to E on order. Both actions to start at 0800A.
- d. 3rd Bn remained in assembly area as shown on overlay.

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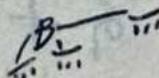
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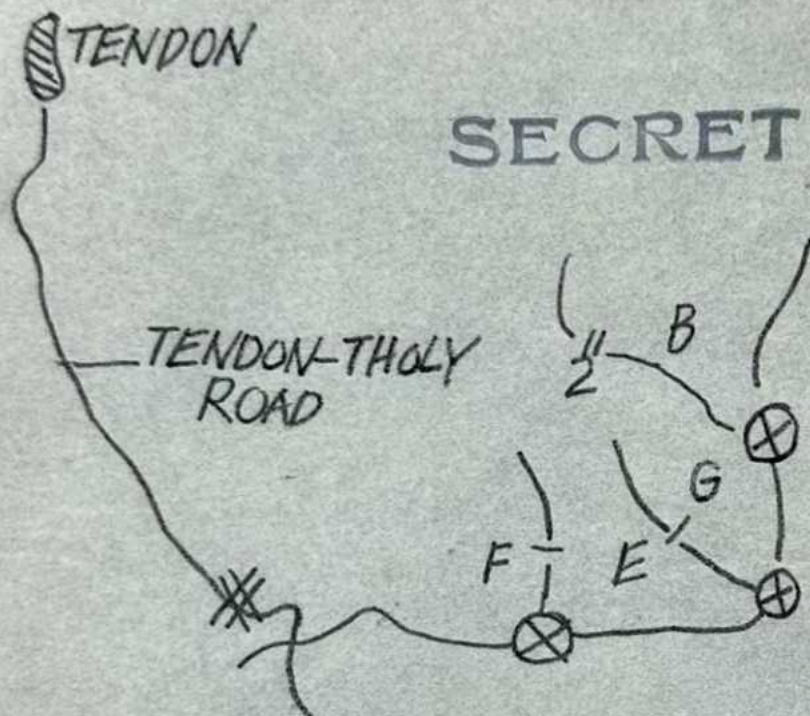
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OPERATION OVERLAY
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OPERATION ORDERS

1st Bn (-B Co) will be in regimental reserve
in VC in positions on Hill 827 occupied night
5-6 Oct 1944 maintain contact with 2nd Bn
30th Inf.

2nd Bn. will complete mopping up enemy
within its zone, organized defensive
positions to cover sectors as shown on
overlay, maintain contact with 2nd Bn 30th
Inf.

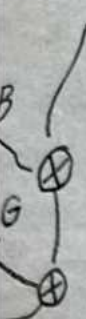
B Co under 1st Bn control, will organize
defensive positions to cover sector
shown on overlay.

One platoon AT Co will establish road
block VC coord V-228455 Co F will
furnish rifle protection for the platoon
AT mine platoon will remain attached
to 2nd Bn

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To <u>CO, 1st, 142nd, 143rd Inf Regts</u>		
<u>IPOT REPORT AS OF 0945A: Confirmation copy</u>		
<u>141 fwd elements - 1st bn, B co 262519, A co 257519, 2nd bn, E co 246527, G co 251524.</u>		
<u>3rd bn, No change. 142 fwd elements - 1st bn, A co 236467, C co 237463, 2nd bn (-) vic 244466, F co 220456 and 240456. 3rd bn, No change. 143 fwd elements - 1st bn, B co 255503, C co 254506. 2nd bn, E co 252478, plt F co vic 253482. 3rd bn vic 252499 to 254491 preparing to attack hill 809 (258488.)</u>		
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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

NO.	DATE	REMARKS
0015	1	CO 1st Bn reports Co B approximately 500 yds W of HUP, sound 1260471. 2nd Bn notified.
0040	2	Capt McSwain notified Gen Stack who ordered Co to hold position tonight and push on to line given on overlay issued 061045A at 070000Z. 1st Bn notified.
0300	3	Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, given clearance to fire arty 3 of 47 and 8 of 245. Reports outcast of Co B not in HUP.
0515	4	CO 1st Bn now believes Co B in HUP as there are fly are. About 1000 2nd Bn notified.
0530	5	CO 1st Bn now believes Co B in HUP as there are fly are. About 1000 2nd Bn notified.
0545	6	Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports patrol that left at 0100 to contact 30th Inf has not returned.
0615	7	Capt Ramsey, 2nd Bn, reports patrol that left at 0100 to contact 30th Inf has not returned.
0630	8	Capt Ramsey, 2nd Bn, reports patrol that left at 0100 to contact 30th Inf has not returned.
0645	9	Capt Ramsey, 2nd Bn, reports patrol that left at 0100 to contact 30th Inf has not returned.

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FROM: 070000A Oct 1944
TO: 072400A Oct 1944
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: 7 Oct 1944
Date: CP TENDON
7 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0015		1			CO 1st Bn reports Co B approximately 500 yds W of RUPT, coord V240471. 2nd Bn notified.	
	0020	2			Capt McSwain notified Gen Stack who ordered Co B to hold position tonight and push on to line given on overlay issued 061645A at 070800A. 1st Bn notified.	
	0200	3			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, given clearance to fire Arty S of 47 and E of 245. Reports outpost of Co G not in RUPT.	
0215		4			CO 1st Bn now believes Co B in RUPT as there are five buildings where they are. Asked that 2nd Bn fire mission be held up. Capt McSwain notified 2nd Bn.	
0310		5			CO 1st Bn reports Co B will attack at daylight; move from present position 244472 (air photo) through woods to 247471, then N to 247474, then E to 250475. Will then take up position S until contact is made with Co G.	
0310		6			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports patrol that left at 2100A to contact 30th Inf has not returned.	
	0315	7			Capt Hunley phoned Gen Stack. The Gen stated it would be OK for Co B to reach phase line same time as Co G. Co B does not have to begin at daylight. Lt Hale 1st Bn notified. He stated that Co B would jump off between 0800 and 0830.	
0330		8			Maj O'Brien, 143 Inf, phoned. Our Co B had not made contact with Co G 143 Inf since earlier in the evening. 143 Inf roadblock moved from V242484 to V246478. Asked if there was any way contact could be made. 1st Bn notified.	
0345		9			30th Inf phoned and no contact has been made by our 2nd Bn patrol. 2nd Bn notified.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 7 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
	0500	10		G-2 given situation.	
	0530	11		G-3 given situation.	
0630		12		2nd Bn reports all quiet. Two enemy Arty shells since 0600. Only harassing fires fired by our Arty on enemy in 2nd Bn sector during night.	
0645		13		1st Bn reports Co B never contacted Co G. Co B reports Germans digging in about 300 yds to their front. Few rounds of enemy Arty since daylight..	
0810		14		143 Inf state they are on their objective. Have no orders to attack REHAUPAL.	
0845		15		Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn., reports that due to enemy mortar fire into their positions Bn is now set for Arty preparation. Patrol sent to RUPT from Co G unable to contact Co B.	
	0850	16		Capt Hunley notified CO 1st Bn that 2nd Bn is going to lay down an Arty preparation before the attack starts. To inform Co B of the Arty. Maj Minor reports that Co B is moving and that Co A is on the alert to move on a minute's notice. The Gen ordered to use another Co in the attack. Maj Sorenson called 132 FA and asked if they did any ack-ack shooting. Also are you doing any shooting for the 2nd Bn. Was informed that they shot the preparation for the 2nd Bn at 247465 and did no ack-ack shooting.	
	0855	17		Gen Stack talked with Sladen asking if we needed the three tanks and two assault guns for the next two days as the tanks and TBs were being detached and given to Col Philbur to form an armored task force. Gen Stack OK'd the detachment.	

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FROM: 070000A Oct 1944
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 7 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0905		18			Msg from CG 36 Div: "3rd Div 2nd Bn 7th Inf on objective at K285437, 3rd Bn 7th Inf at edge of valley K269435, 1st Bn 7th Inf vicinity K275450. 3rd Bn 15th Inf advancing. 30th Inf in contact, no change. 45th Div 1st Bn 180 Inf contact vicinity 225644, 2nd Bn vicinity 2461 and 2463. Enemy infiltration. 3rd Bn 180th Inf advancing. Heavy resistance vicinity V2263. 179th Inf in contact, close fighting in 2nd and 3rd Bn sector. 157 Inf contact vicinity V219714." (Msg # 1)	
	0945	19			Maj Clyburn ordered Sgt Wolfe to take I & R Plat and contact 30th Inf. Find out positions and intentions for today.	
0945		20			Msg from CG 36 Div: "At the outset of the period at about 1900A our troops drew intensive MG and small arms fire from vicinity V243468. No further enemy contact or activity was reported during the period other than the intermittent shelling of the sector by enemy Arty estimated to 150mm. PWS during period 40. Total PWS in FRANCE 12922. New Identifications - Alarm Co 716 Inf Div." (Msg # 2)	
0950		21			Col Green reported that Div Arty was shooting at a railroad train at 273540 and train headed S. Two fighter planes now over it.	
0955		22			2nd Bn reports Co G has jumped off with Co E behind. No physical contact with Co B, but have wire comm with them. Patrols found enemy same place today as they were last night. Patrol sent to contact 30th Inf returned at 0900. Patrol had contacted 2nd Bn 30th Inf. No change.	
0955		23			Lt Col of 756 Tk Bn 3rd Div conferred with Maj Sorenson on tank country near THOLY.	
1000		24			2nd Bn reports Co G had advanced 300 yds then run into rifle fire. Co stopped momentarily, then will advance. Number enemy unknown. Div notified.	

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FROM: 070000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 072400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TENDON

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Date: 7 Oct 1944

TIME	SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAI
	OUT				
1015		25		G-2 reports that enemy train V273540 consisted of 40 boxcars. Had four Arty hits which stopped train.	
1045		26		Maj Minor, 1st Bn, phoned for verification of tanks. Co B is moving and reported heard rifle fire to their immediate right. Still no physical contact with Co G.	
1055		27		G-3 reports 143 Inf observed enemy moving between CHAMPDRAY and REHAUPAL. Placing Arty on them. Co G 248477 has enemy roadblock 300 yds to their front. Enemy infiltrated to roadblock last night and Co G is having trouble with it this morning.	
1105		28		Capt Seeman G-3 reports no change in 141 Inf. Enemy tanks reported V258532. Arty being placed on them. Number of tanks unknown.	
1115		29		Capt Rambo reports moving two tanks and one assault gun out now. Using road N of TENDON. One tank and one assault gun left in position. Will notify this Hq when they are moved.	
1200		30		Sgt Wolfe returned from 30th Inf. Picked up enemy MG on road previously traveled to 30th Inf. 30th Inf have occupied German roadblock at V243447. 30th Inf Co A 245428, Co B 242423, Co C 245425. 1st Bn jumped off at 0730A running into considerable small arms and mortar fire at 0900A while trying to get on high ground overlooking THOY. 2nd Bn no change. Raider Plat occupying roadblock and one Plat across road and to the NE of roadblock.	
1205		31		S-3 2nd Bn reports no change in Co G. Co E is attempting to infiltrate across clearing from vicinity 244461 to 246461, succeeded in getting one squad (preceded by a patrol) across. 2nd squad was fired upon and stopped. Attempting to continue with Arty and mortar fire.	

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TO : 072400A Oct 1944
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 7 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
1220		32			GO 1st Bn reports that Co A is being committed to the right of Co B. Co B now engaged in fire fight vicinity 244469.	
1245		33			S-3 2nd Bn reports we are withdrawing the squad of Co E from other side of clearing.	
1247		34			Gen Stack ordered 2nd Bn not to withdraw squad, but to leave them there for protection.	
1250		35			Gen Stack ordered Capt Scott to take two Plats and report to Col Philbur at LEPANGES. Their mission will be to man roadblocks as tanks are being used for 141 Inf attack.	
1300		36			Gen Stack left for Div. Lt Col Graham will have command of the Regt until Col Lynch returns.	
1325		37			Gen Dahlquist visited Regt CP. Lt Col Graham gave him the situation.	
1340		38			Sgt Wolfe returned from 30th Inf: 1st Bn 235426, Co A 248427, Co B 241424, Co C 247422; 2nd Bn 231438, Co E 245441, Co F 242443, Co G 240437; 3rd Bn 201422, Co I 233420, Co K 254415, Co L 227413. 3rd Bn 15th Inf 216349 objective HILL 827 278485; 1st Bn 267474 objective 269419, 2nd Bn Co E 256469, Co F 254460, Co G 258455 objective 297475.	
1400		39			143 Inf reports 2nd Bn attacking REHAUPAL as soon as tanks arrive from HOUX.	
1410		40			Gen Dahlquist left for 143 Inf to observe attack on REHAUPAL.	
1415		41			CO 1st Bn reports Co B now receiving small arms fire from vicinity 244475 (Airphoto).	
1430		42			Lt Col Graham ordered CO 1st Bn to send one Co N to 2448, then attack SE toward REHAUPAL.	

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FROM: 070000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO: 072400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TENDON

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Date: 7 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1500		43			Capt Scott, AT Co, reported that two AT Plats had been delivered to 141 Inf as ordered, and had gone onto roadblock positions.	
1510		44			Lt Col Graham and Maj Clyburn left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1555		45			CO 1st Bn reports enemy dug in in good defensive positions on low ground to front. (Line running generally 247464 to 248469). They have excellent fields of fire and all attempts to maneuver forward or to the other side of woods have resulted in casualties. Co B's advance elements now vicinity 244468. Recommendation - to form defensive line with Co G on right. To leave Co C where it now is and to send Co A around to left, under cover, to attack SE toward REHAUPAL, and then west into the rear of enemy positions.	
1610		46			Capt Newell, Div Hq, reports that 2nd Bn 143 Inf is not going to attack all the way into REHAUPAL. Attack to carry to vicinity 253474 to clean out group of houses. Line to be formed there.	
1645		47			143 Inf reports they observed approximately 30 Germans vicinity 254476, armed with MGs and digging in.	
1720		48			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned the following information: 141 Inf will attack (time unknown) in the morning. The RCT has four objectives: (1) high ground around coord 255535; (2) HERPELMONT; (3) HILL 479; and (4) high ground E of HERPELMONT vicinity 270527. 3rd Bn will advance up main road to HERPELMONT; 1st Bn on right and 2nd Bn on left.	
1800		49			Msg from CG 36 Div: "Elements of 141 Inf attacking strongpoint at V254518 report moderate resistance. 142 Inf encountered stubborn resistance of small arms, MG and mortar fire vicinity V246465 during afternoon. Harassing fire reported in early morning at V257485. No other Arty report (MSG #3)	

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FROM: 070000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 072400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TENDON

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Date: 7 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1810		50			S-3 143 Inf reports they have sighted about 300 enemy disorganized in the vicinity of REHAUPAL. Are putting Arty upon them. 1st Bn notified.	
1815		51			2nd Bn called. Gen Truscott, CG VI Corps, had visited their CP.	
1830		52			Co A at 240482, turning SE. Will continue as long as visibility permits. Reported to Div.	
1915		53			Lt Col Graham talked by phone to Lt Col Deholm, CO 2nd Bn 143 Inf. 143 Inf sent a tank to within 200 yds of REHAUPAL. An enemy self-propelled gun in the vicinity has not been picked up.	
2000		54			CO 142 Inf talked with CO 2nd Bn. Co B to patrol over toward Co A. Co G will patrol and feel out enemy in its sector.	
2005		55			1st Bn called. Co A at 242478 (air photo) and stopping for the night, facing SE. Will continue attack in morning at daylight. CO 142 Inf directed that Co B place an outpost in RUPT.	
2007		56			CG 36 Div called. Maj Sorenson gave him situation and plan for morning.	
2010		57			G-3 wants an estimate of amount of concertina barbed wire, etc., that Regt will want.	
2050		58			Ren Trp from 3rd Div contacted Regt CP.	
2205		59			Capt Selkirk called. All quiet around Co B. Co B will patrol to front coordinating with Co G. Co A picked up a man from Co D who had been lost since 1st Bn withdrew from that area several days ago. Has been in house at 244478/ has seen three enemy with radios. Co A heard some enemy activity in that area tonight, they are sending a party out to investigate. Co A patrols to 143 Inf have not yet returned.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 7 Oct 1944

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	2245	60			Capt McSwain gave situation to Div G-3.	
2350		61			CO Co C 753 Tk Bn reports that he has all of his vehicles out now.	
2355		62			Capt Eisenberg, 2nd Bn, reports the following patrol activity: Patrol # 1 went to point 244453, reached some houses at that point and heard Germans talking, then returned. Patrol # 2 was to go to 249456 but did not reach that point; got close to a house on the way up there when a dog started barking, patrol then laid still and observed. One time when the dog barked someone came out of the house and fired a couple of rounds. After hearing friendly fire to their left rear and to their right front in the 3rd Div sector the patrol returned. These patrols were from Co F.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 122

FROM: 061200A Oct 1944
TO : 071200A Oct 1944

Hq 142 RCT
7 Oct 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line: See Par 1.c.(2).
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:

- (1) General: Throughout the period the enemy has shown a determined defensive attitude by continuing to hold and improve his present positions and organize new ones.
- (2) Infantry: After cleaning off slopes of HILL 827 early in the period our troops met SA, MG, mortar and Arty fire along draw in woods from V247464 to V247468 which forced our forward elements to withdraw at dark. Patrols from Co B 142 Inf encountered enemy Inf digging in at V246469. A patrol to V243453 also encountered enemy digging in. Contact patrol from 30th Inf was fired on by enemy from V238448. Co F received SA fire from woods at V246458 of undetermined strength at close of period.
- (3) Artillery: Only scattered rounds of small caliber Arty fell in our sector, majority of which fell between 0600-0630 and 1100-1130 on lower slopes of HILL 827.

d. Miscellaneous:

- (1) PW during period: 4 - Total in FRANCE 3428.
- (2) Identifications: 6th Co 326 Regt; 608 Mobile Bn

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st and 2nd Bns continued mopping up area in the vicinity of HILL 827 and RUPT. For locations, see overlay.
- b. 3rd Bn remained in assembly area vicinity XAMONTARUPT. See overlay.

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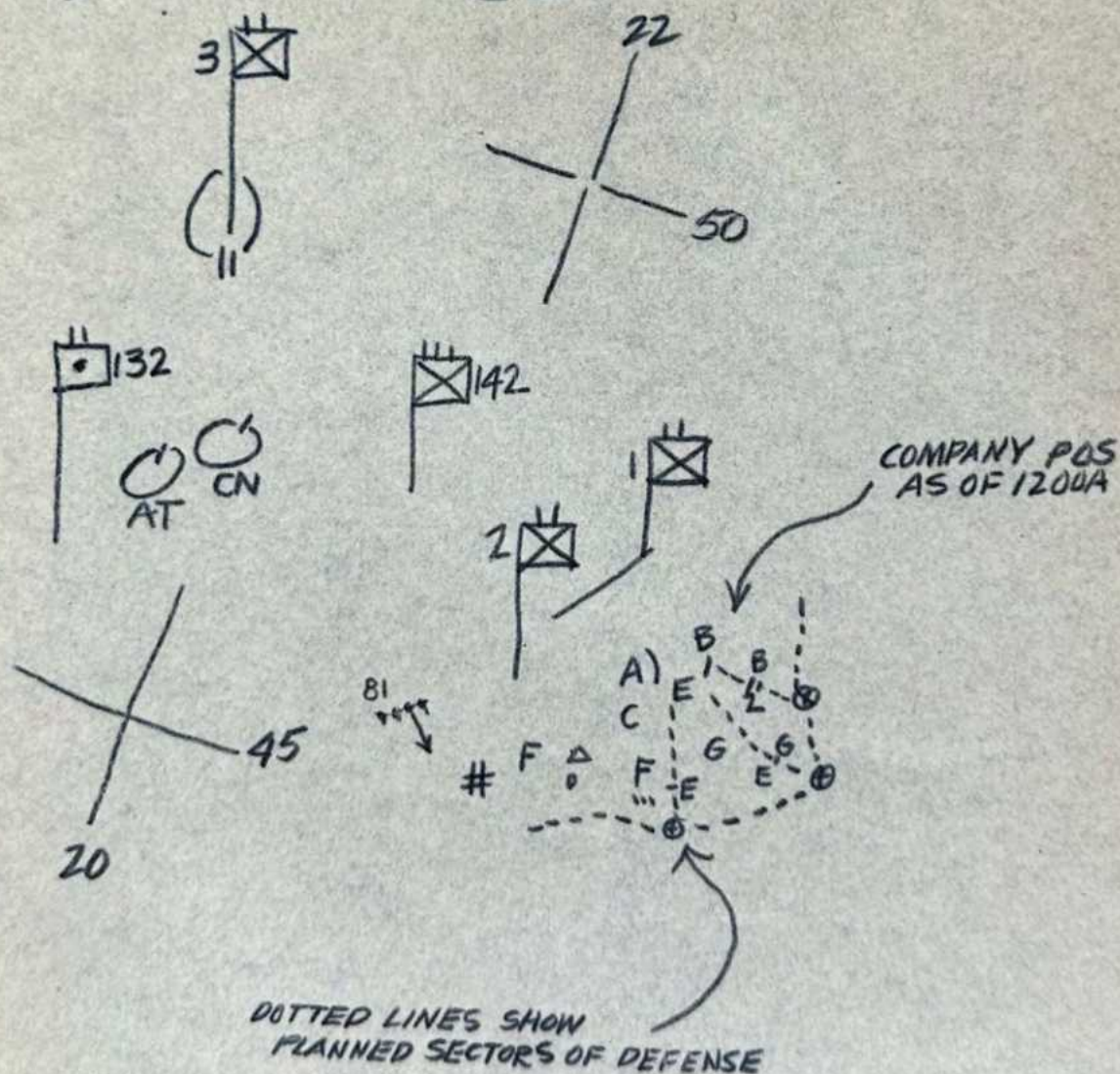
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142 Inf
Organization: CP TENDON
Place: _____
Date: 8 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAI
0045		1		3rd Div Rcn reports the following locations of the 30th Inf: 2nd Bn left flank is at 241443 to 244441. 1st Bn on the ridge NW-SE 250430. Roadblock at 242445, a raiding Plat is manning it. The Hwy is cut by fire.	
0345		2		3rd Rcn reported to CP enroute to contact Co F roadblock, supported by an AT Plat.	
0545		3		G-2 reports 143 Inf had patrols in RAHAUPAL at at 0105A. Observed no enemy activity in town but heard digging vicinity V254478.	
0655		4		Msg from CG 36 Div: "141 Inf took HERPELMONT V2552 and moved onto objective vicinity V261529 against stubborn enemy resistance, including Arty and sniper fire. Air OP received AA fire over FIMENIL V2454. At close of period fire fight in progress vicinity V253530 with estimated 50 enemy." (Msg # 1)	
0710		5		Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn, reported. No activity in Bn sector during night. Patrols were unable to contact 143 Inf. Co A continued attack at 0645A.	
0720		6		Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports Co A has no contact.	
0730		7		Gen Dahlquist phoned and Maj Sorenson gave him the situation.	
0740		8		Gen Stack phoned and Capt Hunley gave him the situation.	
0810		9		Situation and plans given to Capt Newell Div Hq: Capt Newell gave situation of 141 Inf as follows: Co K only Co that has been able to move forward, now at 257525. Co G 252526, Co E 247528, Co B. trying to move generally abreast of Co K. Order of Regtl barbed wire and obstacle defenses given to Div as follows: (Cont'd)	

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FROM: 080000A Oct 1944 Organization: 142 Inf
TO : 082400A Oct 1944 Place: CP TENDON
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 8 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME D. ED.	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		9	(Cont'd)		Barbed wire - 121 reels, 121000 lbs or 52500 Yds; Pickets, long - 2150; Pickets, short 1300; Concertina - 600 Yds; Warning flares - 1500; Trip wire - 4000 Yds; AT mines - 2500.	
0855		10			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports enemy line vicinity 245476 to 248477, approximately five MGs and 15 to 20 riflemen. Have clearing 245477 covered by MG fire.	
1000		11			Capt Newell Div reports 141 Inf not quite in town of HERPELMONT. Co K not meeting much resistance N of town. As soon as tanks and TDs are in position will attack town.	
1020		12			CO 1st Bn reports no change in positions and situation.	
	1030	13			Lt Col Graham ordered 2nd Bn to attack at 1330A with one Co across opening where squad of Co E was yesterday, preceded by five minutes of intense Arty preparation along the edge of woods. One Plat to follow the Arty very closely. When necessary lift the Arty 200 Yds E in woods for another five minutes. At the same time have mortars place concentration along draw in front of Co G. Lift Arty after second five minute preparation to draw in front of Co G for another five minutes, then lift the Arty to E edge of woods (250467 Air photo). Soon as Arty is lifted push forward. Co B will push at same time. After your Co has established its position have another Co follow to protect the right and rear. Have Co H MG in position to cover your advance, then as you cross the clearing switch their fire to right flank. 1st Bn notified of plans	
	1050	14			Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA, notified to put plan into effect for attack to start at 1330A.	

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FROM: 080000A Oct 1944
TO : 082400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 8 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA.
IN	OUT					
1055		15			Gen Stack visited Regt CP. Lt Col Graham gave him the situation and details for attack at 1330A.	
	1110	16			Gen Stack left Regt CP.	
1110		17			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned as of 0930A: 141 Inf Co K on high ground overlooking HERPELMONT V259524. Co L will launch attack on town at 1000A. 141 Inf is unable to get tanks up in position. 45 Div no change. 3rd Div 30th Inf 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn no change; 1st Bn V252428.as As of 1030A 141 Inf bogged down, met stiff opposition including small arms, MG, 20mm, and tank fire. Forced to withdraw to edge of woods. Making an all out effort to get tanks and TDs on position. Div Engrs have put in requisition for wire and equipment to supply Div in defense area.	
	1115	18			Lt Col Graham phoned 132 FA to get one observation plane in air by 1300 and another by 1330A.	
1115		19			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, phoned and believes 2nd Bn will not be able to jump off by 1330A.	
1150		20			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, called. CO Co A is adjusting with one gun on enemy MGs. Has five located now.	
1200		21			Lt Col Kilbourn, CO 2nd Bn, called. Said attack could not begin until 1430A. CO 142 Inf said attack must not be a minute later. Div notified.	
	1220	22			Lt Col Graham ordered 1st Bn to send an officer to 2nd Bn to assist coordination of attack.	
1325		23			132 FA phoned to check on observer with Co B 142 Inf asking for a round of smoke coord V247477. Round could not be fired as too close to Co A 142 Inf and Co G 143 Inf.	
1415		24			Capt Hill 3rd Div visited CP and was given our exact positions and line of defense on the air photo	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 8 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
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1435		25			Capt Seeman, G-3, reports elements of 3rd Bn 141 Inf are in HERPELMONT. Will clean out the town and then move on to HILL 479 and take up defensive positions.	
1445		26			Col Adams, CO 143 Inf, reports a group of enemy moving out of woods W of REHAUPAL toward sawmill. Putting Arty and mortar fire on them.	
1447		27			2nd Bn reports Co E across clearing into woods.	
	1500	28			Maj Sorenson reported situation to Div G-3.	
1510		29			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, reports Cos B and C moving.	
1515		30			Co F (less one Plat) is also across clearing.	
	1520	31			Capt Hunley phoned details on our attack to Capt Hill G-3 3rd Div.	
1540		32			Gen Stack arrived at Regt CP, conferred with Lt Col Graham on the progress of attack.	
1550		33			Co E getting a counterattack.	
1605		34			Co F getting a counterattack from their left flank, pulling Co G and swinging them to right of Cos E and F to assist push N. If part of Co C is needed to assist Co B in holding both of its positions and Co G's original position it is permissible to use them. Remainder of Co F pulled from southern slopes of HILL 827 and pushed across clearing with Co F.	
1605		35			Positions of 141 Inf at 1600A. 3rd Bn on obj HILL 479; 2nd Bn Co E 253530, Co F 250530, Co G 253525. 1st Bn Co C 245522, Cos A and B no change.	
1625		36			Co E not getting a counterattack and is organizing to push north.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 8 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA.
IN	OUT					
1700		37			2nd Bn reports Co E is moving forward.	
	1715	38			Lt Col Graham talked with Gen Stack. Co E moving on around. Gen Marshall, CS, US Army, will visit 3rd Bn area tomorrow.	
1720		39			Co E wants to fire Arty at 255450. Col Lynch warned not to fire S of 45 grid line.	
1740		40			Plat of Co F across open ground to wooded area at 247462 (air photo). CO 142 Inf ordered CO 2nd Bn to get Co G across also. Right flank will be protected by Co C.	
	1745	41			CO 1st Bn ordered to send a Plat of Co C to go into area near AT roadblock - patch of woods at 230457 (air photo 4068), also to outpost point at 234457. One Plat of Co G will remain at wooded ridge at 240458. Rest of Co G will cross open ground to help Cos E and F across. One Plat of Co C trying to help Co A.	
1800		42			Co F receiving another attack. Co E still moving. Co G prepared to cross open ground to woods.	
1815		43			Plat of Co F stopped from crossing open ground by heavy enemy shelling and automatic weapons fire.	
	1815	44			Maj Clyburn gave situation to G-3.	
	1820	45			3rd Bn notified to be in readiness for visit by Gen Marshall tomorrow.	
1930		46			CO 1st Bn: Co B digging in defensive position. Co C Plat on way to outpost roadblock at designated point. Co A no change, will dig in for night. Patrol from Co A on way now to contact 143 Inf.	
1950		47			143 Inf phoned. Our Co A patrol has made contact with 2nd Bn roadblock of 143 Inf. They made arrangements for further contact during the night. Co A GP 243471.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 8 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
	2020	48		Lt Col Graham phoned Gen Dahlquist requesting two tanks to knock out enemy MG nests in front of Co A. The Gen gave him permission to use the tanks and will phone here soon as they are available. Will probably come to vicinity HOUX and Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, will send an officer to this point to get them. Maj Minor notified.	
2035		49		Div phoned and the tanks are available at 143 Inf CP at ST JEAN. They are enroute to HOUX.	
	2035	50		Lt Col Graham notified CO 1st Bn to send an officer to 143 Inf CP to pick up tanks and lead them to Co A.	
2050		51		Capt Rambo, CO Co C 753 Tk Bn, phoned and tanks will be at LAVELINE about 0100A. Will wait for moon to come up before moving them. The officer guide from 1st Bn will pick tanks up at LAVELINE.	
2055		52		Maj Sorenson phoned Lt Hanna. 2nd Bn did not take PWs today. Also reports 2nd Bn had twenty casualties they knew of. Rations dumped vicinity CP and will be hand carried to Cos.	
2105		53		Capt Seeman, G-3, phoned for clearance on Arty fire for 3rd Div. 3rd Div reports vehicle movement at 245456. Lt Col Graham gave them permission to fire.	
	2110	54		Lt Col Graham notified 2nd Bn of above. 2nd Bn believes the movement is S of REHAUPAL.	
	2115	55		Lt Col Graham notified G-3 of this information. Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, will notify Div if any fire falls N of that point.	
	2120	56		Lt Col Graham gave our locations to G-2.	
2140		57		Maj Rosenberg, Regt Surg, reports 20 Battle casualties and 33 non-battle casualties. Co F 11, Co E 5, Co C 1, Co B 2, Co A 1.	

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CP TENDON

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Date: _____

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	T E D A T E	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
2215		58			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn S-3, reports that they have 8 PWs. Co E along W and NW edge of draw, Co F joining Co E right flank extending S along E side of claw, Co G in SW point of claw outposting to S as far as burnt house. Supplies on way. Cos dug in for the night. Will continue attack in the morning.	
2220		59			Maj O'Brien, S-3 143 Inf, phoned and was given the situation.	
	2230	60			G-3 given the situation by Capt Hunley.	
	2330	61			Capt Hunley gave the situation to Capt Seeman G-3.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 123

FROM 071200A Oct 1944
TO 081200A Oct 1944

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Hq 142 Inf
8 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line: No change.
- b. Units in contact.: See Par 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations during period:
 - (1) General: Enemy continued to hold defensive positions throughout period.
 - (2) Infantry: Our units at V246462, V246465, and V245467 failed to gain against intense small arms, MG, and mortar fire. Enemy Infantry offered scattered but gradually stiffening resistance to Co A as it moved from vicinity V242477 to vicinity V245474. At close of period Co A meeting stiff resistance vicinity V246474. Patrols to V244453 and V249456 report enemy activity and digging. Patrol to later coord fired on by rifles.
 - (3) Artillery: Small caliber enemy Arty, estimated to be 75mm, fell vicinity V244465 at about 1400A.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 4. To date in FRANCE: 3432.
 - (2) Identifications: 5th and 6th Cos 326 Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st and 2nd Bns continued clearing enemy from dense woods area on eastern slopes of HILL 827 in the vicinity of RUPT. Period ended with Cos B and C in contact along line 244465-244450 (aerial photo) and Co A on envelopment move to left in contact.
- b. 3rd Bn remained in assembly area vicinity XAMONTARUPT.

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To	<u>S-2 142 INF 154M NR. 154 TO 081800A</u>	
<u>142 INF TOOK HERPELMONT V-2552 AND</u> <u>MOVED ONTO OBJECTIVE VIC. V-261529</u> <u>AGAINST STUBBORN ENEMY RESISTANCE</u> <u>INCLUDING ARTY AND SNIPER FIRE. AIR</u> <u>O.P. RECEIVED AA FIRE OVER FIMENIL V-24</u> <u>54. AT CLOSE OF PERIOD FIRE FIGHT IN</u> <u>PROGRESS VIC V-253530 WITH ESTIMATED</u> <u>50 ENEMY. REESE G-2</u>		
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FROM: 092000Z Oct 1944
TO: 092400Z Oct 1944
AF: FRANCE, 1:00,000

Organization: 1st Inf.
Place: ON BRIDGES
Date: 9 Oct 1944

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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 39, U. S. ARMY

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FROM: 090000A Oct 1944
TO : 092400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 9 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0020		1		Patrol from Co G to investigate enemy activity at 244456 reports all quiet.	
0030		2		Enemy 20mm fire bursting over road near our AT Roadblock in 3rd Div sector.	
	0500	3		Maj Sorenson reported situation to G-3. All quiet.	
0645		4		G93 called and reports that the 30th Inf heard the Germans digging in and thought that they were putting in a roadblock at 234449.	
	0715	5		Lt Col Graham called Lt Green of Co E and told him to push to the left and clean out in front of Co B.	
0800		6		Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports that Co A received their tanks and are ready to push off at 0815A.	
0810		7		CO 1st Bn reports Co A moving, including the two tks	
	0900	8		Lt Col Graham and Capt Hunley left to look for an assembly area for 3rd Bn in the southern edge of TENDON.	
0915		9		Col Vincent phoned and notified Lt Col Graham that when Gen Marshall arrived at Div CP they would notify this Hq. An officer or you can then go to 3rd Bn.	
0920		10		CO 1st Bn reports Co A still moving. Cleaning out woods (245475 air photo) and will push on S. Estimates 60 enemy in front of Co A this morning.	
	0950	11		Lt Col Graham phoned 143 Inf and gave them our situation. Asked about their situation.	
1010		12		Col Vincent, Chief of Staff 36 Div, phoned and ordered the Plat of Engrs now attached to 142 Inf to report to him immediately. Engrs notified at 1020A.	
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TO: 092400A Oct 1944
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 9 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SEN NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1010		13			Situation 141 Inf: Co B on objective 270525. Cos I & K in town of HERPELMONT and maintaining roadblocks at 258534 and 264524. Co L on HILL 479 262532. 2nd Bn leaving Co F in old E, F, G, positions. Cos E and G pulling back to W and then N to FIMENIL.	
1030		14			Maj Minor reports Co A still moving forward cleaning out the woods as they go.	
	1035	15			Maj Lynch 143 Inf given the situation by Capt Hunley.	
1055		16			Col Vincent phoned and notified Lt Col Graham that Gen Marshall was enroute to visit 3rd Bn 142 Inf. Lt Col Graham ordered Capt Hunley to leave immediately and meet the Gen to guide him to 3rd Bn CP.	
1115		17			Lt Barber, AT roadblock Plat leader, reports they have sent patrols to V234450. Found no enemy.	
1145		18			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports that Co A has cleaned out the woods and have set up defensive positions. They also have out outposts.	
	1150	19			Maj Sorenson phoned the above information to G-3.	
1300		20			Capt Hunley returned from guiding Gen Marshall to 3rd Bn CP.	
1215		21			G-2 notified us that 30th Inf was sending out patrols this afternoon as follows: Co E to 254446, Co F to 244445, and Co G to LE THOLY.	
1300		22			Capt Rambo, CO Co C 753 Tk Bn, reported to Regt CP. Asked that the two tanks be relieved if they are not in use. Lt Col Graham granted permission. Maj Sorenson notified Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, and the tanks had been released and are on the way to tank maintenance.	

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FROM: 090000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 092400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TENDON

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 9 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SERIAL NO.	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1400		23		Co B has broken through and is cleaning out woods to their front. Lt Col Graham instructed Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, to try and mop up area with Cos E and F and then pull Co B back to S slopes of HILL 827. Patrol 500 to 600 Yds to front.	
1430		24		Representatives of 7th Inf reported to Regt CP. Conferred with Lt Col Graham on possibilities of bringing two Bns of 7th Inf through 142 Inf sector to attack SE behind LT THOLY.	
1445		25		Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports Co E still moving and no resistance. In contact with Co B.	
1505		26		G-3 phoned and reports 30th Inf receiving flak 20mm from in front of our Co F. Line of fire SW on 2445 easting line. 30th Inf troops receiving fire at V242443.	
1540		27		Gen Stack, assistant Div Comdr, and Gen Williams an observer visited Regt CP. Lt Col Graham gave them the situation.	
1540		28		Maj Young, CO 3rd Bn, conferred with Lt Col Graham on plans of relieving 1st and 2nd Bns tomorrow. Cos I and K to relieve Cos G, A, and C sometime afternoon 10 Oct. Maj Young intends to begin the relief at 1330A.	
1615		29		Lt Col Graham phoned Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, to prepare for the relieving of part of the Bn.	
1620		30		Lt Hanna reports Co E and B on objective. They are organizing their defense.	
1745		31		Maj Minor reports he is only 500 Yds from 143 Inf. Has wire comm with them. Lt Col Graham notified him that a Co of 3rd Bn will relieve Cos A and C tomorrow.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 9 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1930		32		Gen Dahlquist called and Lt Col Graham reported the situation to him.	
2000		33		Capt Hunley reports the situation to G-3.	
2100		34		Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, reports. Co E patrol going E went to 254465 reported no enemy activity. Co F patrol went to 247456 and reported hearing vehicles moving, but were unable to tell the number or direction.	
2240		35		1st Bn reports Co A sending patrols out 500 yds to NE of positions. Very quiet in their sector and no Arty has been received as yet. Co A is in comm by phone to the 143 Inf. The 143 Inf stated that they were sending combat patrol to 254478.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 124

FROM: 081200A Oct 1944
TO : 091200A Oct 1944

Hq 142 Inf
9 Oct 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line: See Par. 1.c.(2).
- b. Units in contact: See Par 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations during period:
 - (1) General: Enemy continued to defend against our assault with renewed use of Arty.
 - (2) Infantry: The enemy held defensive positions vicinity V247472 and 247467 and withdrew a few hundred yards to new defensive positions vicinity 247465 to V247460. Our units in contact with enemy throughout period.
 - (3) Artillery: Extremely heavy Arty fell vicinity 243469 from about 1700A to 1830A. Also heavy concentration vicinity V243467 and V242474.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 5 Total in FRANCE 3439.
 - (2) Identifications: 5th, 6th and 7th Co 326 Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION:

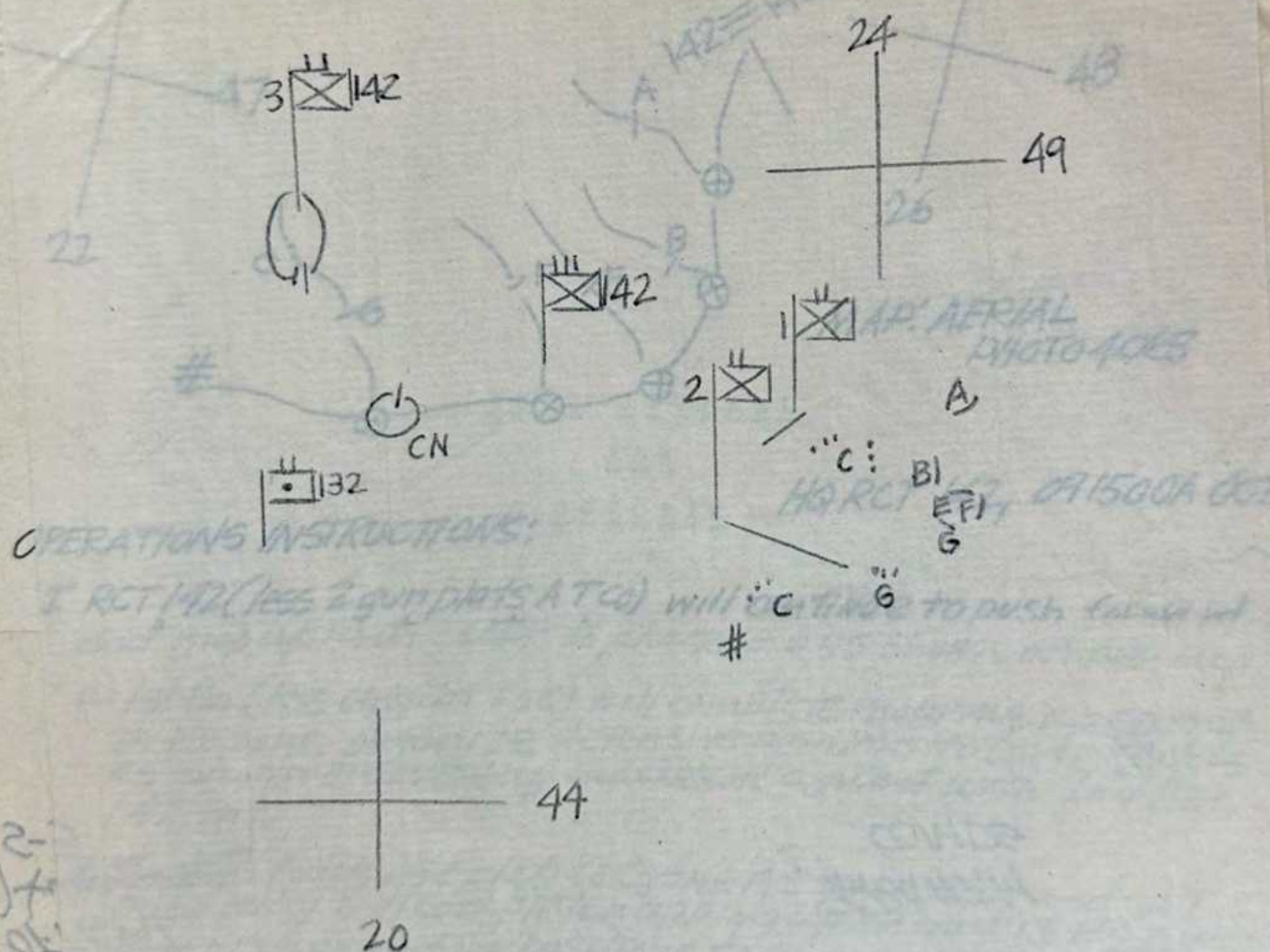
- a. Attack of our 2nd Bn yesterday at 1430, after Arty preparation, to clear out wooded area S of RUPT at V245465 succeeded in driving enemy from immediate front of our positions. Co A with aid of armor pushed forward to objective on the left. For location of troops at close of period see overlay.
- b. 3rd Bn remained in assembly area vicinity XAMONTARUPT.

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OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY
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HQ RCT 142, 09 OCT 44
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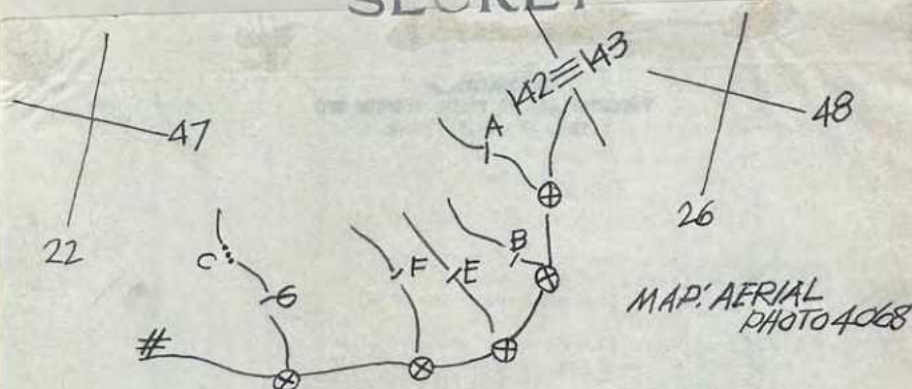
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HQ RCT 142, 091500A OCT

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

I RCT 142 (less 2 gun plats AT Co) will continue to push forward and mop up with sector to phase line as shown on overlay.

a. 1st Bn (less one plat CoC) will complete mopping up enemy in its zone, organize defensive positions to cover sectors as shown on overlay, maintain contact with 2nd Bn, 142 Inf.

b. 2nd Bn (plus one plat CoC, one AT gun plat, and AT mine plat) will complete mopping up enemy in its zone, organize defensive positions to cover sectors as shown on overlay.

1. one plat CoC will hold present positions, continue to outpost roadblock vic coord V-230469.

2. AT gun plat and AT mine plat will hold present positions, continue to maintain roadblock vic coord V-228455

c. 3rd Bn will remain in present bivouac absorb replacements, and prepare to relieve 1st or 2nd Bns. or both in defensive positions.

x. Patrolling: Instructions to be issued later.

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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

TIME	REPORT	DETAILS
0530	1	Capt Daly, Div 4-2, called and asked about situation. Was told all is quiet.
0630	2	Capt Searns, 4-3, given situation.
0720	3	Capt Dahquist called asking about situation. He said to hold present positions. More instructions to be issued later.
0740	4	Capt Newell, 4-3, phoned stating that 50th Inf will have patrols operating on our right to cover V250449 and V247449.
0810	5	Capt Newell, 4-3, phoned stating that 50th Inf will have patrols operating on our right to cover V250449 and V247449.
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0810	10	Capt Newell, 4-3, phoned stating that 50th Inf will have patrols operating on our right to cover V250449 and V247449.

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FROM: 100000A Oct 1944
TO : 102400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 10 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0530		1		Capt Daly, Div G-2, called and asked about situation. Was told all is quiet.	
	0550	2		Capt Seeman, G-3, given situation.	
0730		3		Gen Dahlquist called asking about situation. He said to hold present positions. More instructions to be issued later.	
0740		4		Capt Newell, G-3, phoned stating that 30th Inf will have patrols operating on our right co coord V253449 and V247448.	
0810		5		Gen Dahlquist called. Suggested not making relief today but waiting until tomorrow when the whole Regt may be withdrawn after 7th Inf passes through during the night.	
	0815	6		Col Lynch called CO 2nd Bn. Said relief might not be effected today, depending on whether the 7th Inf passes through tonight.	
0840		7		Maj Young, CO 3rd Bn, reported to Regt CP enroute on reconnaissance for relief of Cos A, C and G today.	
0850		8		Msg from CG 36 Div: "2nd Bn 141 Inf vicinity V235524 attack by infiltration in woods W to N beginning at 0730A. Co A holds line across edge of woods vicinity V253533." (Msg # 1)	
0900		9		Capt Newell, G-3, phoned that 30th Inf sent patrols to V246447 and V252448 last night. These patrols remained at these points last night. They ask that we send contact patrols to these points today. Lt Col Graham stated we would contact them.	
	0905	10		2nd Bn notified to send 8-man patrol to contact the 30th Inf patrols, six men remain and two return. A new patrol to be sent every four hours.	

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MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 10 Oct 1944

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	0920	11			Lt Crocker and I & R Plat left to contact 30th Inf.	
0950		12			1st Bn reports Co A sent patrol to front and drew enemy fire almost immediately.	
1015		13			Gen Wenn and Col Sladen arrived at CP. Lt Col Graham was given the situation and details of the attack of the 3rd Div. 143 Inf is to clean out REHAUPAL with the aid of 142 Inf. Lt Col Graham gave them our situation. Also given an overlay showing the attack of the 3rd Div.	
	1030	14			Lt Col Graham called 2nd Bn and asked if they have any reports of the patrols. Was informed that the patrols had not returned as yet.	
1050		15			1st Plat AT Co reports that patrols from the 2nd Bn of the 30th Inf walk-out patrol patrolled entire road from DEMENGESTAT to LE CREUX. The road is clear of enemy except for fallen trees at road junction at 241446, also a roadblock at the thick patch of woods vicinity 238449.	
1110		16			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports Co B patrol got across their immediate front and to the edge of the woods. Co A has a patrol out also.	
1125		17			G-3 called stating that the 7th Inf will not move this afternoon, and that we should continue with relief as planned.	
	1125	18			Capt Hunley S-3 called Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn S-3, to go ahead with the relief as scheduled. Also informed Maj Minor, 1st Bn, of the same. Cos A and C the remaining Cos of 1st Bn to be relieved.	
1150		19			S-3 2nd Bn: Patrol from Co F working to E, exact position unknown, has run into small arms fire, calling for mortar fire.	
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FROM: 100000A Oct 1944
TO : 102400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 10 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1200		20			Lt Hanna, S-2 2nd Bn, reports Co E patrol went to 249459 and were fired on by mortars and MG. Patrol from Co F went to 247457 and were fired on from NE, E, and SE, observed one enemy. House (which is in ruins at 245457) has received intermittent mortar fire during the morning. (Coords from air photo # 3025)	
	1215	21			Maj Clyburn phoned patrol reports to G-2.	
1245		22			Msg from CG 36 Div: 141 Inf well into woods V242534 meeting only scattered Inf resistance but intense Arty fire. Woods reported to be heavily mined and booby trapped. PWs report enemy Bn between V235539 and V242534. Identification of unit not yet made. No enemy activity reported in other Div sectors.	
1305		23			Capt Seeman, G-3, phoned: 141 Inf Co F V234536, Co G V240535.	
1400		24			A patrol from Co G 2nd Bn 142 Inf contacted the 30th Inf and brought back the following locations of the 30th Inf: Co E 246447, Co F 252448, Co G 248446.	
	1405	25			Capt Hunley phoned patrol information to G-3.	
	1445	26			Capt Hunley called Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, and told him that Co B is attached to 2nd Bn. Maj Minor reports that their Co A patrol reached point vic 250472, heard enemy digging in in draw west of REHAUPAL (aerial photo 255472). Will fire Arty on location.	
1510		27			Capt Newell, Ass't G-3, visited Regt CP and was given our situation.	
1520		28			Engrs report that enemy shelled the road where they were working on physical roadblock. (Cont'd)	

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TO : 102400A Oct 1944
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 10 Oct 1944

E		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN
OUT	SER NO.	T. DATED		
	28	(Cont'd)	They were ordered to clear all mines from roadblock, then the dozer will run in and remove the block. 10th Engrs from 3rd Div is working from S proceeding north.	
1605	29		Lt Col Graham phoned Lt Frederick, CO Co C, to have Co begin leaving assembly area at 0800A tomorrow. Leave by Plats and relieve Co B first.	
1610	30		2nd Bn reports Co K has almost completed their relief	
1615	31		Col Lynch returned to Regt CP after a short illness.	
1630	32		2nd Bn reports Co G relieved and enroute to assembly area vicinity TENDON.	
1705	33		Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reports the following: 141 Inf; woods at V236537 is cleared. Patrols now in woods at V229539. Woods are reported heavily mined and booby trapped (2nd Bn). 7th Inf attack postponed indefinitely. 30th Inf trying to attack to the NE. 15th Inf continuing attack at V225412 1st Bn. 3rd Bn 15th Inf at V260406. 179th Inf Co A 229585, Co C 228592. BSL V3442-V2843-V3049-V3653-V3864-V4066-V3982-V3191.	
1730	34		Engrs report that the road is cleared of enemy physical block.	
1800	35		Relief scheduled for today is complete.	
1805	36		Capt Hunley reported to G-3 that the relief scheduled had been completed as of 1800A.	
1830	37		143 Inf making a raid tonight on group of houses at V253475 (near REHAUPAL) starting at 2100A.	
1840	38		2nd Bn to have showers tomorrow for 0730A to 0930A. 1st Bn from 0930A to 1130A. Bns notified.	

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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 10 Oct 1944.

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1850		39			Instructions of CO 142 Inf for CO 3rd Bn: Believes Co K less one Plat can form Bn reserve as 3rd Div is strong on right flank. AT roadblock can be pulled and guns placed to fire from edge of woods at V240455. Lt Col Graham told CO 3rd Bn to make relief of Co L by noon tomorrow instead of afternoon.	
1900		40			8-3 2nd Bn informed that 2nd Bn will be relieved about noon tomorrow. Combat patrol from 2nd Bn will be formed from one of the Cos tomorrow morning to go out and find the enemy and fight them. Patrol to go to wooded area 1000 yds in front of Co E positions. Patrol to leave at 0800A.	
1950		41			Cn Co has call from Arty for harassing fires at coords V258467 and V250460 until 0100A; V26324618 until 0200A.	
2015		42			Gen Stack called. Maj Sorenson gave him situation.	
2030		43			Capt Westbrook, 143 Inf, given situation.	
2030		44	1715		Msg from CG 36 Div: "141 Inf reports woods W vicinity 236537 clear. Patrols to woods to vic V229539." (Msg # 2)	
2045		45			Information from 3rd Div: 2nd Bn 30th Inf will not make attack tonight or tomorrow.	
2055		46			Patrol of our 2nd Bn made contact with Co F 30th Inf.	
2100		47			3rd Bn reports Co K received 15-20 rounds of mortar fire at V253458 (P-3025) four casualties.	
2250		48			Lt Knox, S-2 3rd Bn, called. Said 143 Inf reports hearing enemy digging in in numbers about 200 yds if front of their roadblock.	
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UNIT REPORT

NO. 125

FROM: 091200A Oct 1944
TO : 101200A Oct 1944

Hq 142 Inf
10 Oct 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

a. Enemy front line: See Par. 1.c.(2).

b. Units in contact: No change.

c. Enemy operations during period:

(1) General: The enemy withdrew from wooded area at V244475 and V245465 in face of our attack after stubborn resistance.

(2) Infantry: Our troops lost contact with enemy late in evening of 9 Oct but patrols to V249471, V252460 and V248457 were fired on by small arms and mortars. Also considerable mortar fire at V245458.

d. Miscellaneous:

(1) PWs during period: 5. To date in France: 3444

(2) Identifications: 5, 6, and 7th Cos 326 Inf.

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. 1st and 2nd Bns held positions as shown on overlay.

b. 3rd Bn remained in assembly area vicinity XAMONTARUPT.

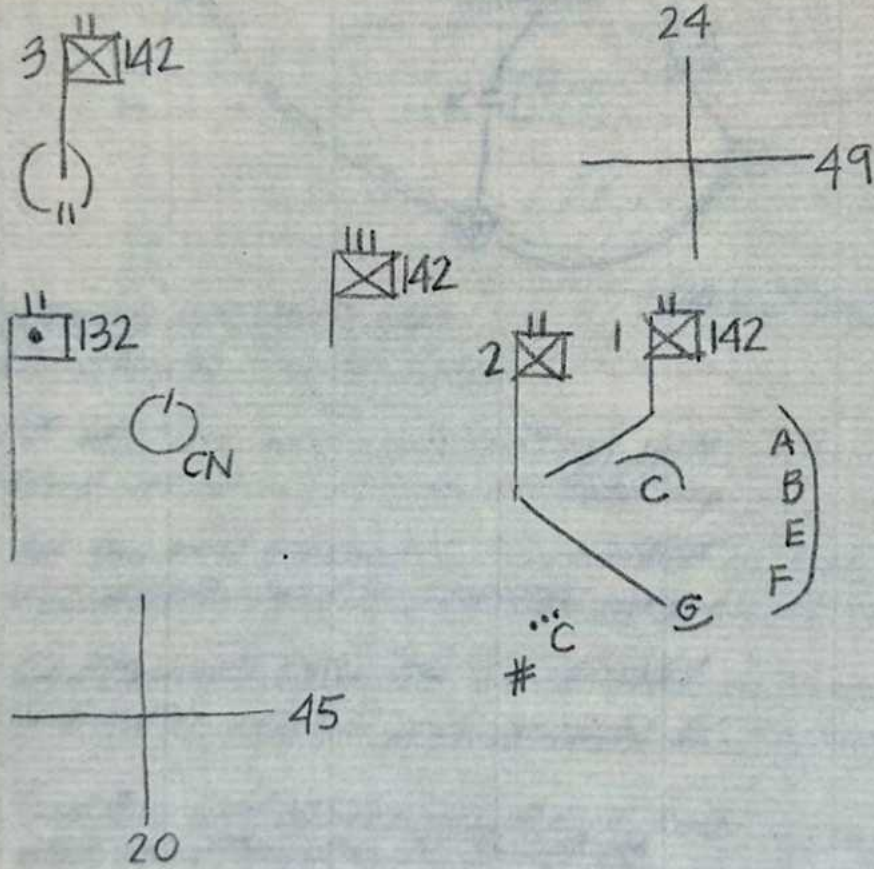
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UNIT REPORT NO 125
HQ RCT 142, 10 OCT 44
MAP: 1/50,000

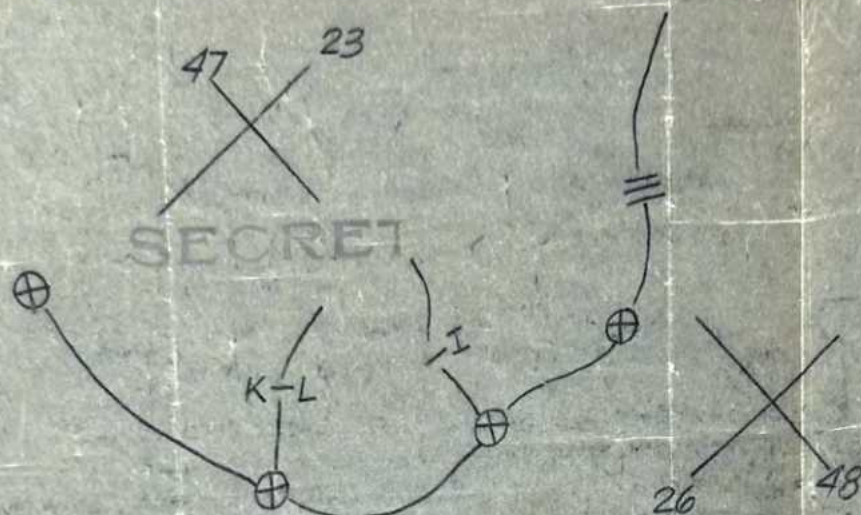
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HQ RCT 142, 100800A OCT 44

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

MAP: AERIAL PHOTO 4668

I. RCT 142 (less 2 gun platoons AT Co) will continue to organize and defend sector as shown on overlay.

a. 1st Bn will assemble, as relieved in bivouac area vic coord V-204467, receive replacements and effect reorganization.

b. 2nd Bn will assemble, as relieved, in bivouac area vic coord V-215071, receive replacements and effect reorganization.

c. 3rd Bn will relieve Cos A, C, E, Regt AT Mine plat and AT gun plat on afternoon of 10 Oct 44, and will relieve Cos B, D, E, F, H, on the afternoon of 11 Oct 44, and will organize defensive positions to cover sectors as shown on overlay.

d. Regt AT Mine plat, and AT gun plat, upon relief will return to bivouac as directed by CO, AT Co.

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No	DATE <u>10 OCT</u>	
To	<u>C.O. 142 INF REGT</u>	
<u>ATTENTION S-3 - LØØ755-SECOND</u>		
<u>BN. 141 ST INF VIC V-235524</u>		
<u>ATTACK BY INFILTRATION WOODS</u>		
<u>W. TO N. BEGINNING Ø73ØA HOURS</u>		
<u>CO. A. HOLDS LINE ACROSS EDGE OF</u>		
<u>WOODS VIC. V-253533.</u>		
<u>C.G. 36 DIV.</u>		
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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

Probable mined fields, based on period photos.
Photo: 2705 5493 to 2707 5493
2659 5485 to 2659 5493
2648 5493 to 2648 5493
2725 5482
Hill at 27715167 probably defended with MG.
(Information from G-2)

Lt Hanna, G-2 2nd Bn, reports that his contact patrol contacted the 20th Inf at 0145. No enemy contact.

Capt Beasley phoned and stated he had been given a patrol of the line. Will deliver it.

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G-2 phoned and Capt Beasley gave them our patrol reports and situation.

G-3 phoned and was given the situation.

Lt Hanna, G-2 2nd Bn, reports contact patrol sent to Kithling about 02445 at 2000A failed to make contact. Observed some MG tape and 40 cal. mortar cans indicating Americans had been there. No contact was made with the enemy. Another patrol will leave shortly on same mission.

Capt Hanna, G-2 2nd Bn, reports patrol from Co B went up approximately 0200 to 0245 (02445) and were fired on by two enemy MG and several rifles. Patrol returned and Bn is preparing to place mortar fire on enemy. No report from other patrol.

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FROM: 110000A Oct 1944
TO : 112400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142. Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 11 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
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0345		1			Probable mined fields, based on aerial photos: Photo: 2705 5493 to 2707 5465 2659 5485 to 2659 5493 2668 5483 to 2668 5493 2725 5462 Hill at 27715167 probably defended with MG. (Information from G-2)	
0245		2			Lt Hanna, S-2 2nd Bn, reports that the contact patrol contacted the 30th Inf at 0145. No enemy contact.	
0340		3			Capt Beasley phoned and stated he had been given a training memo for units of the line. Will deliver it after daylight.	
0430		4			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reported to Regt CP with TM # 18 Hq 36 Div dtd 11 Oct 1944.	
0515		5			G-2 phoned and Maj Sorenson gave them our patrol reports and situation.	
0600		6			G-3 phoned and was given the situation.	
0615		7			Lt Hanna, S-2 2nd Bn, reports contact patrol sent to 30th Inf coord V244445 at 0300A failed to make contact. Observed some Engr tape and "C" ration cans indicating Americans had been there. No contact was made with the enemy. Another patrol will leave shortly on same mission.	
0830		8			Capt Olson, S-3 2nd Bn, reports patrol from Co B wnet approximately 200 yds to their front (P-249464) and were fired on by two enemy MGs and several rifles. Patrol returned and Bn is preparing to place mortar fire on enemy. No report from combat patrol.	
0900		9			Capt Hunley Regt S-3 phoned CO 3rd Bn to inquire on amount of Engr tools the Bn needed. CO 3rd Bn stated that he needed only 1/2 of a Bn set.	

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FROM: 110000A Oct 1944
TO : 112400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: GP TENDON
Date: 11 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT					
0930		10			S-3 2nd Bn reports patrol left Co E positions to go SE along woods, turned S (P-3025) at 249457; observed to high ground to E, saw no enemy activity, returned at 0700A. Co F patrol left at 0400A, went SE along woods to house at 248457, then south to large woods at 249453, to woods 247453, then returned encountering no enemy.	
	0935	11			Capt Selkirk, Exec O 1st Bn, notified that Bn may have showers from 1300A to 1500A this afternoon.	
	1005	12			Capt Hunley finished arrangements with the 111th Engrs on making targets for range practice.	
1005		13			Lt Hanna, S-2 2nd Bn, phoned. Patrol from 30th Inf 2nd Bn just contacted us. No change in their Co positions except that Co G has moved forward to form rough arc - E - G - F. 1st and 2nd Bns to SE along HOLY road, but still on W side. Cos K and A patrolling to high ground to the SE.	
1050		14			2nd Bn S-2 reports that the combat patrol sent to 252464 (P-3025), heard and saw enemy, number unknown or unestimated. Observed enemy in house at 251465. Patrol could not cross open ground because of MG fire from the vicinity of house, therefore returned and reported to Lt Frederick, CO Co L, who is now putting Arty and mortar fire on the above coordinates.	
	1100	15			Maj Middleton notified that 2nd Bn has showers from 1500A to 1700A this afternoon.	
1245		16			Capt Selkirk, S-3 1st Bn, reports all of Cos B and D now closed in assembly area. This completes the Bn relief.	
1330		17			Lt Axelrod reports that the Bn relief is completed.	
1345		18			Capt Hunley notified G-3 of relief completion.	

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ON: 100000A Oct 1944
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AP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 10 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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1300		19		Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports 170mm gun located at V270477 is firing on Co L in single rounds. FO with Co L has called for fire but cannot get it because gun is in 3rd Div sector. Gun has caused casualties. Also receiving some mortar fire.	
1510		20		Counter battery notified of above.	
1515		21		Counter Battery notified Maj Clyburn that we could fire on gun at V270477.	
1520		22		Lt Knox told to get FO to adjust on gun at V270477.	
1525		23		132 FAC notified to fire on gun at V270477.	
1620		24		Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports observing self propelled gun at 254475 (P-3025), put Arty and mortar fire on it but does not know the results. A few enemy infantry observed in this area also.	
1815		25		S-3 3rd Bn reports Rcn for patrols # 2 and # 3 left at 1500A, returned at 1720. # 2 reports enemy mortars shelling area near 251463. 20mm firing at cub from house in that vicinity. # 3 reports at 248457 heard enemy tank firing in 3rd Div sector. At left of house observed four enemy 251455. Heard charge of mortars there also. 20mm and 40mm gun observed firing at cub from 252459. Our Arty set house on fire at 251453. Our Arty still falling in vicinity of house. Co L and Plat of Co M suffered six casualties from enemy Arty and mortar.	
1900		26		Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports contact patrol from Co I met enemy near house (P-3025) 248467. Fired rifle grenade into house and Germans opened up with 3 MGs. Patrol reported estimated 15 enemy left house going NE. Patrol returned to Co area.	
1910		27		Patrol from Co K returned after contacting Co F 30th Inf.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 11 Oct 1944

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2000		28			Maj Lynch, S-3 143 Inf reports patrols being sent by Co G to 257478 and 257482 house raids; Co E to 268474 to capture enemy self propelled gun; Co G 20 man patrol to E of CHAMPDRAY to capture PWs.	
2130		29			G-3 called and reported the following locations of the 141 Inf: Right to left; Co C 262514, Co A 262520; Plat AT Co 262524; Co B 268527; Engr Plat HERPELMONT; Co L Plat 263520, Plat 262533; Plat Co I 257537; Plat 253533; Plat 250532. AT Co 248530 to 243526. Plat Co K 241531 to 237537. Co H 36 Engrs 233539; 2ndBn in reserve at LEPANGE. Filber Force to left of 141 Inf.	
2200		30			G-3 was notified by phone on today's reports. 3rd Bn completed relief at noon today and is completely in position. 1st and 2nd Bns each complete in assembly areas as you have it. Memo will follow.	
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NO. 126

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TO : 111200A Oct 1944

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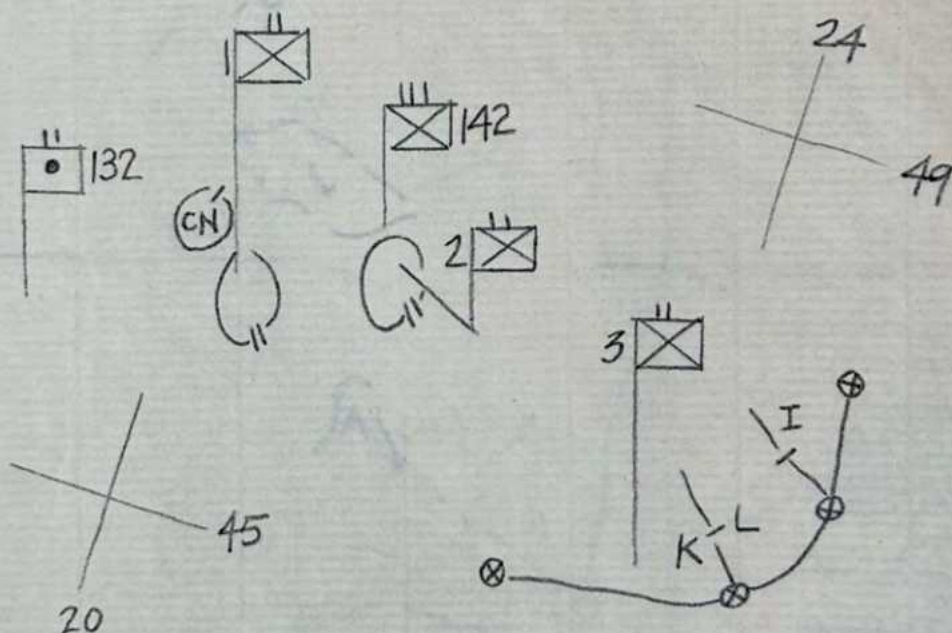
Hq 142 Inf
11 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD: No change.
2. OWN SITUATION:
 - a. 3rd Bn completed relief of Cos B, D, E, F, and H by 1200A today and assumed responsibility for defense of sector as shown on overlay.
 - b. Entire 1st and 2nd Bns closed into assembly areas as shown on overlay.

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HQ 142 INF, 11 OCT 44
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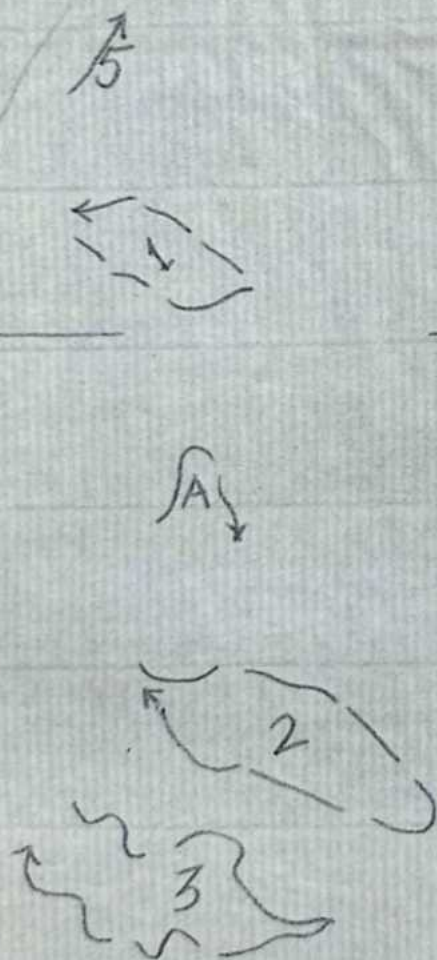
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Hq RCT 142
11000 OCT 44
PATROL MISSIONS
MAP: AERIAL PHOTO # 3025
I RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS (#1, 2, 3.)
a. PATROLS TO CONSIST OF 3 TO 5 MEN
b. TO LEAVE AREA AT 0300.
c. ROUTES MAY BE ALTERED TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF TERRAIN.
d. COMPLETE REPORTS TO BE MADE
IMMEDIATELY ON RETURN WITH TIME
AND PLACE OF ALL SIGNS OF ENEMY
ACTIVITY PARTICULARLY NOISE.
II CONTACT PATROLS (H415)
TO BE CONTINUED ON PRESENT
SCHEDULE AND ROUTES.
III NIGHT RAID
PATROL "A" TO BE ORGANIZED TO REDUCE
ENEMY IN HOUSE (251465) WITH
GRENADES BN CO. TO DETERMINE
SIZE, COMPOSITION ROUTE, AND TIME
FOR THIS ACTION.

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11 1400 OCT 44

MAP
AERIAL PHOTO #3025

M3 OVERLAY #1
M4 DISPOSITION

A hand-drawn map on a piece of paper, likely a photocopy of an aerial photograph. The map shows a coastline with several points of interest marked with 'X' inside circles. Key labels include:

- 24**: A number at the top left, near a vertical line.
- 47**: A number in the upper middle, near a horizontal line.
- Sq. at Rd. Bl K**: A label on the left side, near a point marked 'K'.
- K-L**: A label near a point marked 'K' and 'L'.
- M 6**: A label in a box at the bottom right.
- AIR PHOTO # 3035**: A label at the bottom right, below the boxed 'M 6'.

The map also features various symbols: arrows, dashed lines, and wavy lines representing terrain or water. A large 'X' is marked on the right side, and another 'X' is marked on the left side. The map is oriented with the coastline running roughly north-south.

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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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12 OCTOBER 1944

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FROM: L20000A Oct 1944
TO : 122400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 12 Oct 1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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0500		1			Lt Axelrod, 3rd Bn, reports all quiet. Only scattered harassing Arty fire throughout the night.	
0530		2			CO 3rd Bn reported patrol # 1 had completed mission to 252472 (P-3502). Heard Germans talking. Noted that roads and trails had been used recently, then returned to Co area.	
	0535	3			Capt Daly, Div Hq, given situation.	
0550		4			Lt Mitchell from 143 Inf called. Wanted to know if we had been doing any Arty firing in the vic of 253475. Ans: No.	
	0550	5			G-3 given situation.	
0700		6			Co K patrol to 30th Inf made contact and returned.	
	0800	7			Col Lynch talked to CO 3rd Bn on combat patrolling. Two fighting patrols to go out today. S-2 will give details later.	
	0815	8			Capt Hunley talked with Maj Petrie, S-3 111 Engr Bn. Asked for squad of Engrs to work on 3rd Bn road. Asked for Engr instructions on Regt training.	
0845		9			Information from Capt Beasley, Div Ln O. BSL: V4030, V3837, V3642, then no change. 143 Inf raiding party is going to CHAMPDRAY to try to locate a self propelled gun. 141 Inf all quiet but 1st Bn which reports harassing fire. 442 RCT at V150529, 3rd Bn in that vicinity. No change in 3rd Bn 45th Divs.	
0945		10			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP. Was given situation, then left for 3rd Bn CP.	
1030		11			G-3 reports that the 30th Inf 2nd Bn has engaged enemy in fire fight at 254447; about 150 Germans.	
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JOURNAL

FROM: 120000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 122400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TENDON

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 12 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1150		12			G-3 called. CG VI Corps wants to see CG 36 Div at 142 Inf CP. 3rd Bn asked to locate CG and notify him.	
1155		13			CG VI Corps stopped at CP. Talked with Col Lynch. Went on to our 3rd Bn.	
1215		14			Inf from Div Ln O: Co E 30th Inf engaged in quite a battle vicinity V256449, trying to take high ground. Small arms fire from east slope and Arty from north.	
1240		15			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, called. Plat OP of Co I reports seeing five Germans around house at 254478 (P-3025). Four ramp mines at 247473 laid during night.	
1310		16			G-3 called. 143 Inf is sending a patrol into REHAUPAL. Do not fire Arty N of 47 northing until further notice.	
	1315	17			Col Lynch and Lt Crocker left for 3rd Bn CP.	
1550		18			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn. Co L patrol went to house at 248467 (P-3025), captured five Germans in house. Received small arms fire from patch of woods to E. Mortar fire also received on house setting it on fire. Patrol returned.	
	1555	19			G-3 notified this Hq that Div wanted aggressive patrolling to include combat patrols to obtain some PWs tonight.	
1730		20			Col Lynch and Lt Crocker returned to Regtl CP.	
1740		21			143 Inf phoned reporting their patrol will leave at 1800A for REHAUPAL. Would like a restriction on our Arty fire in that vicinity. No firing north of 47 northing.	

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FROM: 120000A Oct 1944
TO : 122400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 12 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TITLE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
OUT					
1745		22		Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports that patrol encountered an enemy MG unmanned. Knocked it out by a rifle grenade. Five PWs were taken in same vicinity.	
1800		23		Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports patrol to house 247456 (P-3025) received fire from two enemy MGs, worked their way to S of house and found dug in positions of enemy along edge of woods. Three rounds of enemy mortar fell in vicinity of house. Two PWs taken, one killed from enemy fire and one American killed from enemy fire. Patrol left Co K at 1530A.	
	1815	24		Maj Clyburn gave patrol reports to G-2.	
2000		25		G-3 reports that the 143 Inf combat patrol to 259474, to 259476 to woods 257477. Going to shoot into the woods.	
2025		26		G-2 reports PW reports mines are in road and shoulders of road at V253471 and V252473; as of the 9th Oct.	
2245		27		3rd Bn patrol report by Lt Knox: Four men out of patrol returned, had been in fire fight at house at 251465 (aerial photo) and they had been separated from rest of patrol, but stated they have taken some PWs and thought they had killed some.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 127

FROM: 111200A Oct 1944
TO : 121200A Oct 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FOURTH INFANTRY

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Hq 142 Inf
12 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: See Par 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy continued defensive action with increased artillery of small caliber late in period.
 - (2) Infantry: Infantry action limited to small arms and MG fire against our patrols from vicinity V249468 and V246458.
 - (3) Artillery: Scattered heavy caliber enemy Arty throughout Regt sector in early morning. Concentration estimated 75mm fell near TENDON about 0830. Scattered small caliber fire around E slopes of HILL 827 throughout morning.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 7 To date in FRANCE; 3451
 - (2) Identifications: 2nd Co 236 Repl Bn; 6th Co 326 Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT remained in its present positions throughout the period. 3rd Bn patrolled aggressively to the front capturing five PWs at P3025, V248471. 1st and 2nd Bns continued to rest and reorganize after receiving replacements.

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FROM: 130000Z Oct 1944
TO: 130400Z Oct 1944
INFO: FRANCE, 1:00,000

Organization: 1st Bn
Place: SE 1000
Date: 13 Oct 1944

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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

ACTION 14

TIME	DATE	TIME	DATE
0810	1		
0815	2		
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0830	4		
0845	5		
0810	6		
0800	7		

Col. Lash given information from Gens Instructions.
1st Bn notified to have CO and one Staff Officer
present at Regt CP at 0800A 13 Oct for Gen of area
for relief of 143 Inf.

Capt. Olson, 2nd Bn, notified to have Bn CO and one
Staff Officer at Regt CP at 0800A 13 Oct to make
Gen for relief of 143 Inf.

3rd Div Gen reported at CP - all is quiet.

Capt. Olson, 2nd Bn - no activity. Patrols
have

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Corps attacks on the 14th.
6 Bns of 45th Div, 142 Bn, 141 Bn and 143 Bn.
142 Inf relieves 143 Inf positions and Co C 142 Inf
in preparation for attack. 1st Bn will relieve
elements of 143 Inf S of 50 east line. 2nd Bn will
be in Regt ran tentatively under 2000; Co A 142 Inf
and Co B 143 Inf being relieved with one Co of 2nd
Bn 142 Inf. Artillery and Cn Co will move probably
near St JEAN. JP to remain in RANDON today, move
to St JEAN tomorrow. Time of movement to be
announced later. 2nd Bn will move first. Men
carry one blanket, overcoat and shelter half.
Roll of remaining two blankets to be carried by
men and delivered to men as soon as possible.
Training to continue for this morning while the
make Bn. Training to be stopped if rain begins.
Bn COs and Co COs will meet with Co 142 Inf at
143 Inf CP at 1300A. 2nd Bn to contact 142 Inf
relief of its Co C. Anticipate holding these
positions for a week. Intensive patrolling and
observed objectives will be

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FROM: 130000A Oct 1944
TO : 132400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 13 Oct 1944

TIME		S. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
0210		1			Col Lynch given information from Opns Instructions.	
	0215	2			1st Bn notified to have CO and one Staff Officer present at Regt CP at 0800A 13 Oct for Ren of area for relief of 143 Inf.	
	0220	3			Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, notified to have Bn CO and one Staff Officer at Regt CP at 0800A 13 Oct to make Ren for relief of 143 Inf.	
0530		4			3rd Div Ren reported at CP - all is quiet.	
	0545	5			Capt McSwain called 3rd Bn - no activity. Patrols have not returned.	
0610		6			G-3 called, given our report - no change.	
0800		7			Meeting of Col Lynch: VI Corps attacks on the 15th; 5 Bns of 45th Div, 442 RCT, 141 RCT and 143 RCT. 142 Inf relieves 143 Inf positions and Co C 141 Inf, in preparation for attack. 1st Bn will relieve elements of 143 Inf S of 50 east line. 2nd Bn will be in Regt res tentatively near HOUX; Co C 141 Inf and Co L 143 Inf being relieved with one Co of 2nd Bn 142 Inf. Arty and Cn Cos will move probably near ST JEANE. CP to remain in TENDON today, move to ST JEANE tomorrow. Times of movement to be announced later. 2nd Bn will move first. Men carry one blanket, overcoat and shelter half. Roll of remaining two blankets to be carried by Bn and delivered to men as soon as possible. Training to continue for this morning while Bns make Ren. Training to be stopped if rain begins. Bn COs and Co COs will meet with CO 142 Inf at 143 Inf CP at 1100A. 2nd Bn to contact 141 Inf on relief of its Co C. Anticipate holding these positions for a week. Extensive patrolling and Plat attacks with limited objectives will be carried out.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 13 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	INSTRUMENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0900		8		No firing around REHAUPAL, fire is lifted today by 143 Inf.	
	0915	9		Col Lynch and a Rcn party left Regt CP for ST JEANE (143 Inf CP). They then went forward to reconnoiter routes for relief of 143 Inf and Co C 141 Inf. Col Lynch proceeded to 141 Inf CP at LE BOULAY to make plans for 2nd Bn 142 Inf to relieve Co C of 141 Inf.	
0930		10		Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, and Co COs reported to Regt CP enroute to meet rest of Regtl Rcn party at ST JEANE at 143 Inf CP.	
1122		11		Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports Plat of Co I receiving some self propelled fire. 143 Inf can observe the SP and the 3rd Bn observer has spotted it and is firing Arty on it. 143 Inf has fired Cml mortars but the SP is out of range.	
1215	1245	12		Col Lynch returned to CP. 2nd Bn 142 Inf is to send a Staff Officer to 141 Inf CP where he will pick up a guide and then proceed to Co C 141 Inf. This officer will guide the Co of 2nd Bn 142 Inf relieving Co C 141 Inf.	
	1245	13		Col Lynch ordered Capt Scott, CO AT Co, to take his Plat and relieve the 143 Inf block at V249476. This AT Plat will be attached to 1st Bn 142 Inf. AT Co notified and also 1st Bn notified.	
1250		14		Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn Exec O, reports that they will move twelve vehicles, including medical. Col Lynch ordered them to move behind foot elements with 300 yds between vehicles.	
1255		15		G-3 phoned; the two Plats of AT Co will remain attached to FILBER TASK FORCE for two more days. Capt Scott, CO AT Co, notified.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 13 Oct 1944

TIME		S. TIME NO.	OR DATED	TYPE MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
1325		16			The AT Plat is to report to LAVELINE at 0530A and an officer from 1st Bn will meet them there. This Plat to be used on the north roadblock. Capt Hunley reported this to Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn Exec O.	
1420		17			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, phoned. His ammo is now rationed at 100 rds per day.	
1440		18			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn Exec O, reported to Regt CP and reported that the Bn has cleared their assembly area and are enroute to relieve 143 Inf.	
1440		19	1115		Msg from CG 36 Div: "Woods vicinity V229539 reported clear. North edge outposted by Co I, 36th Engrs, Part of 753 Tk Bn Force, and elements of Co K 141 Inf. Night patrol that reported BEAUMENIL clear did not actually enter town." (Msg # 1)	
1620		20			Gen Dahlquist phoned and stated that he would rather no Co CP would be established in old CP of Co L 143 Inf as the house was under observation. Lt Col Graham notified 2nd Bn.	
1625		21			S-3 3rd Bn phoned and reports a combat patrol from Co L went to V254464 and captured two germans, were fired on at V254467 and V258468 by estimated enemy Plat. Two enemy previously captured attempted to escape and were killed. Patrol returned over same route.	
1735		22			1st Bn runner reports that our troops received some shelling in LAVELINE - HOUX area while passing through.	
1740		23			Lt Peters, MP Plat Ldr, reports that 2nd Bn has cleared HOUX. Described shelling in HOUX while our troops passed through. At least one man wounded. Did not know of any others or of vehicles being hit.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 13 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT					
	1740	24			Col Lynch called S-3 143 Inf. Said in view of shelling Germans had undoubtedly observed movement, troops should be on guard tonight.	
1905		25			Capt Terrell, Regt Comm Off, reports all lines to forward switchboard out. Six wire crews not working them. SCR 284 radio is in with all Bns.	
1950		26			1st Bn S-3 called. 1st Bn taking over positions of 3rd Bn 143 Inf. AT gun at 262510 that 143 Inf is unable to remove is to remain where it is and we will trade 143 Inf one of our Regt AT guns.	
1955		27			Capt Terrell reported Co G 2nd Bn completed relief of Co C 141 Inf. Also Co E 142 Inf relieved Co L 143 Inf. Remainder of Bn closed in assembly area - 2nd Bn CP 251513.	
2000		28			Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn: Co A has effected relief; Co C on position but not reported complete; Co B no report. Plat of AT Co cannot get guns into position due to darkness, will put them in at dawn.	
2025		29			Co G has effected relief of Co C 141 Inf. Co E's relief of Co L 143 Inf not complete as yet. Balance of Co E at 257514 for tonight. 2nd Bn CP at 251513, aid station at 242513. Co H mortars vicinity of CP; 1 Sec in support of Co E, 1 Sec in support of Co G. 30 Cal MG; 1 Sec with Co E and one Sec with Co G. Co F is Regt res at V245498. 2nd Bn instructed to send AT gun crew to AT gun at 261510. Defense overlay requested showing fields of fire. 2nd Bn requested copies of Air Photo # 3065.	
2040		30			143 Inf phoned and believes enemy has observation on HOUX from vic of HILL 728 (225478), suggests that we have a patrol comb this hill. 143 Inf notified of the progress of relief being made by 2nd Bn 142 Inf.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 132400A Oct 1944

Place: CP TENDON

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IN	OUT					
	2045	31			Capt Hunley, Regt S-3, reported situation to G-3.	
2100		32			Lt Hanna, CO Co F, reported his Co arrived in reserve position at 245198 about 2000A.	
2105		33			2nd Bn reports relief of Co L 143 Inf completed.	
2115		34			3rd Bn reports it will take 1½ hours before relief is complete.	
2100		35			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports: Co C completed relief of Co G; Co C completed relief of Co F. One Plat Co B no report of relief completed of Co I 143 Inf. CP at 250485.	
2140		36			S-4 called: 2nd Bn train has returned and has supplied all Cos except Co G. Part of 1st Bn train returned also.	
2215		37			Plat Co B completed relief of Co I 143 Inf shortly after 2200A. Div notified by Capt Hunley.	

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FROM: 130000A Oct 1944

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Place: CP TENDON

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Date: 13 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT					
	2045	31			Capt Hunley, Regt S-3, reported situation to G-3.	
2100		32			Lt Hanna, CO Co F, reported his Co arrived in reserve position at 245198 about 2000A.	
2105		33			2nd Bn reports relief of Co L 143 Inf completed.	
2115		34			3rd Bn reports it will take 1½ hours before relief is complete.	
2100		35			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports: Co C completed relief of Co G; Co C completed relief of Co F. One Plat Co B no report of relief completed of Co I 143 Inf. CP at 250485.	
2140		36			S-4 called: 2nd Bn train has returned and has supplied all Cos except Co G. Part of 1st Bn train returned also.	
2215		37			Plat Co B completed relief of Co I 143 Inf shortly after 2200A. Div notified by Capt Hunley.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 1274

FROM: 121200A Oct 1944
TO : 121200A Oct 1944

Hq 142 Inf.
12 Oct 1944
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT CLOSE OF PERIOD:
- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
 - b. Units in contact: No change.
 - c. Enemy operations during period:
 - (1) General: The enemy maintained a completely defensive attitude throughout the period.
 - (2) Infantry: Fifteen (15) enemy and three (3) MGs at V250465 fired on our patrol about 1600A hours.
 - (3) Antiaircraft: 20mm fire observed near house at V252458.
 - (4) Engineer: Four ramp mines located vicinity V248472 by patrol.
 - d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None
2. OWN SITUATION:
- a. 3rd Bn continued to hold Regt sector, patrolling to the front.
 - b. 1st and 2nd Bns remained in assembly areas at V204468 and V214473 respectively.

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To <u>C.O. 142 INF. ATTN. S-3</u>		
<u>WOODS VIC. V-229539 REPORTED CLEAR.</u> <u>N EDGE OUTPOSTED BY CO. 1 C. 36TH</u> <u>ENGRS. PART OF 753 RD TK BN. FORCE</u> <u>AND ELEMENTS CO K 141ST INF. NIGHT</u> <u>PATROL THAT REPORTED BEAUMONT CLEAR</u> <u>DID NOT ACTUALLY ENTER TOWN. C</u> <u>1030</u>		
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FROM: 140000A Oct 1944
TO: 142400A Oct 1944
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 14 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0500		1			1st Bn reports Arty falling short at 251476, seems to be coming from rear. Active night with a great deal of Arty along front - 7 casualties. Small arms fire heard to right in 3rd Bn sector. Roadblock in contact with Co I.	
0530		2			3rd Bn reports Co K patrol contacted Co F 30th Inf at 1230A. Co F carrying on aggressive patrolling. Co K patrol left at 0300A and contacted 30th Inf at 0340.	
0530		3			2nd Bn nothing to report.	
0755		4			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn; patrol # 4 returned, nothing to report.	
	0830	5			1st Bn CO notified that AT gun will be delivered from TENDON to 143 Inf.	
	1020	6			Capt Hunley left for 3rd Bn to obtain plan of defensive fires.	
	1020	7			Lt Col Graham was sent to 2nd Bn to obtain their dispositions and intended plans.	
1030		8			Capt Newell, Div Hq, phoned and said H-hour is 150800A. 30th Inf has nothing planned for today. Will attempt to enter THOLY with a battle patrol tonight. Div is receiving an Opns Instr from 30th Inf this afternoon and will give us the information.	
1030		9			Gen Wenn visited CP.	
1055		10			Lt Hanna, CO Co F, reports he has contacted both Bn CPs and is now reconnoitering routes to each Bn in the event he is committed.	
1115		11			1st Bn reports contact patrol between Cos C and B fired on by four enemy from house at V259495.	

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FROM: 140000A Oct 1944
TO: 142400A Oct 1944
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP TENDON
Date: 14 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1200		12			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn Exec O, reports patrol from Co F reported to 1st Bn CP. They found a covered route to the CP and it takes approximately 40 to 45 minutes to cover it.	
	1205	13			Col Lynch ordered 3rd Bn to send a Plat patrol to woods in rear of Co I as the General believes some enemy in that vicinity.	
1150		14			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, requested permission to move Co B Plat farther to right. Gap between Cos B and C too great. Area between Co B Plats and Co E Plats to be covered by constant patrolling as well as fire. Permission granted by Regt CO.	
	1315	15			Col Lynch left CP. Visited Regt forward CP at ST JEAN, then proceed to 1st Bn CP.	
1330		16			2nd Bn patrol returned, encountered enemy as the Germans attempted to enter house vicinity V266505. Enemy believed to be coming off of hill to E and eating in houses. Another combat patrol to go out this afternoon to reach area around houses about 1700A. This patrol to leave support vicinity V264505 to cover houses across clearing while rest of patrol cleans them out.	
1400		17			CP opened in ST JEAN V215499	
1545		18			Col Sladen, G-3, phoned and states that the 30th Inf will attack THOLY tonight. Wants 3rd Bn 142 Inf to start a fire fight to attract enemy in that direction.	
1600		19			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1630		20			Col Sladen, Div G-3, visited CP. Conferred with Col Lynch on plans of 30th Inf for tonight.	
1755		21			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports having completed registering for 2nd Bn at RJ vic 273519, and for 3rd Bn at 259474.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
 Place: CP ST JEAN
 Date: 14 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
1940		22			3rd Bn reports combat patrol from Co L left at 1400A, went to 251465 (AP #3025) and observed enemy. Placed men in positions to attack and engaged in fight. Enemy laid down heavy mortar barrage and patrol could not close on house. Had 2 men killed, one wounded. Patrol returned at 1915A. Patrol from Co I left at 1330A, went to 247472 (AP #3025) and were fired on from houses at 246471 and 247471. Enemy laid down 45 minute concentration of Arty and mortar fire. Patrol returned at 1845A.	
	1945	23			3rd Bn told to raid house at 246471 and 247471 (AP #3025) tonight.	
2130		24			Capt Beasley, Div Ln C, phoned the following information: 442 RCT closed in assembly area vic 2057 at 1600A. CP vic V192581, 1st Bn 207576, 2nd Bn 205570, 3rd Bn 196577. 45 Div - enemy resistance no change during late afternoon attack. Enemy Arty to S increased. PW from vic 2260 identified as 2112 Pz Gren and 121 Gren vicinity 1873. 3rd Div 15th and 30th Inf no change. 7th Inf 1st Bn relieved by French and moving vicinity ELOYES. Battle patrol to attack SE of HILL 781 tonight.	
2130		25			S-3 3rd Bn reports patrol from Co I patrolling woods to rear of Co found no enemy.	
		26			Lt Col Graham notified Maj Minor of 30th Inf attack. Maj Minor reports Co C receiving some SP fire and enemy mortar fire across all of Bn area.	
2220		27			G-2 phoned and estimated 40 enemy troops vic V268527.	
2300		28			Capt Clem, S-3 3rd Bn, called and gave following patrol reports: Patrol # 2 made their route with no enemy contact, heard machine pistol to right at some distance. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 142400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

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IN	OUT					
		28	(Cont'd)		Patrol # 3 went route reverse left at 257485 to 264478, then west to house at 254475. Met no enemy but heard wagon or wagons to the east at some distance apparently going away from them. Combat patrol "A" from 2nd Bn got in about 2230A, worked their way into woods to the left of houses at their objective. Saw three Germans to the right of houses at 1730A and opened fire killing two. Patrol then received heavy mortar fire and had to withdraw, were badly scattered but received no casualties. They are now receiving some shelling around 2nd Bn CP.	
2310		29			Capt Clem, S-3 3rd Bn, reported that a German four-man patrol was halted by a guard at the roadblock on the RAPHAUL road. The Germans ran and apparently tripped one of their own flares. The roadblock guards fired on the Germans, results unknown.	
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FROM: 131200A Oct 1944
TO : 141200A Oct 1944

Hq 142 Inf
CP TENDON

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy continued strictly defensive attitude.
 - (2) Infantry: Combat patrol to V259464 encountered estimated two platoons enemy and engaged them in SA fight in which 2 enemy were killed. Night patrols report digging and wood cutting at V249471, V251464, and V252459. Contact patrol fired on by 4 enemy from house at V259493 at 0930A.
 - (3) Artillery: Harassing artillery fell throughout sector during period with small concentration in HOUX and LAVELINE.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. 1st Bn moved from assy pos vic V204468 to relieve elements of 143 Inf and take defensive positions as shown on overlay. Relief completed at 132215A.
- b. 2nd Bn moved from assembly pos vic V215474 to relieve elements of 143 Inf and 141 Inf and take defensive pos as shown on overlay. Relief completed at 132105A.
- c. 3rd Bn held positions in its sector, patrolling to the front. See overlay.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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DEFENCE Overlay
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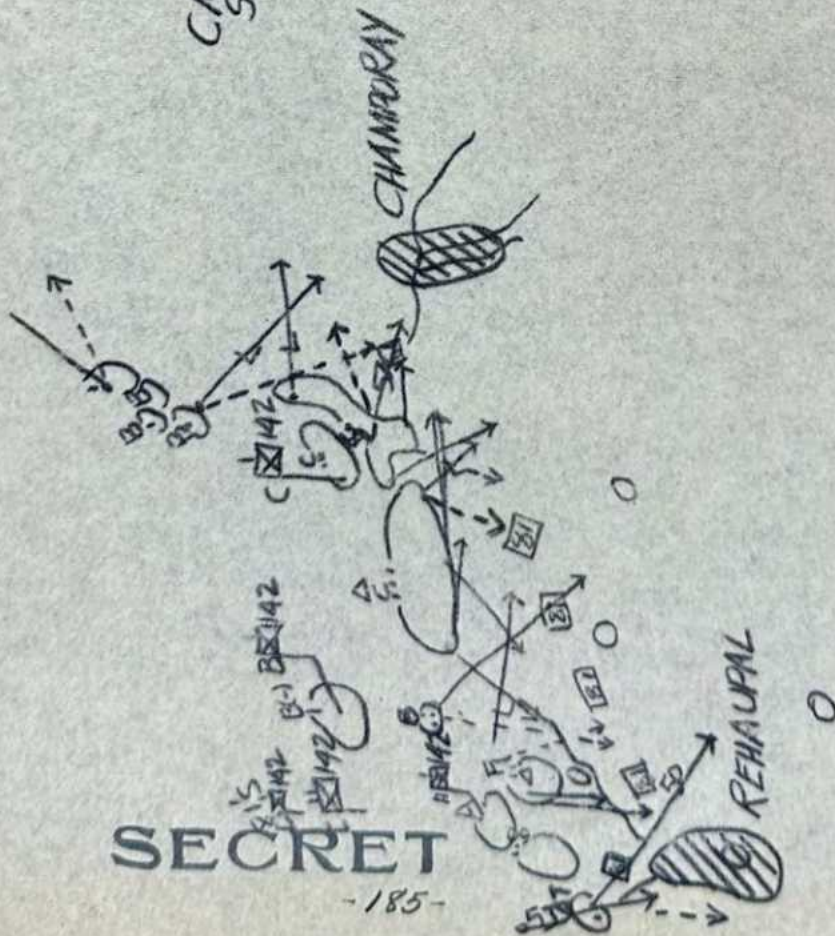
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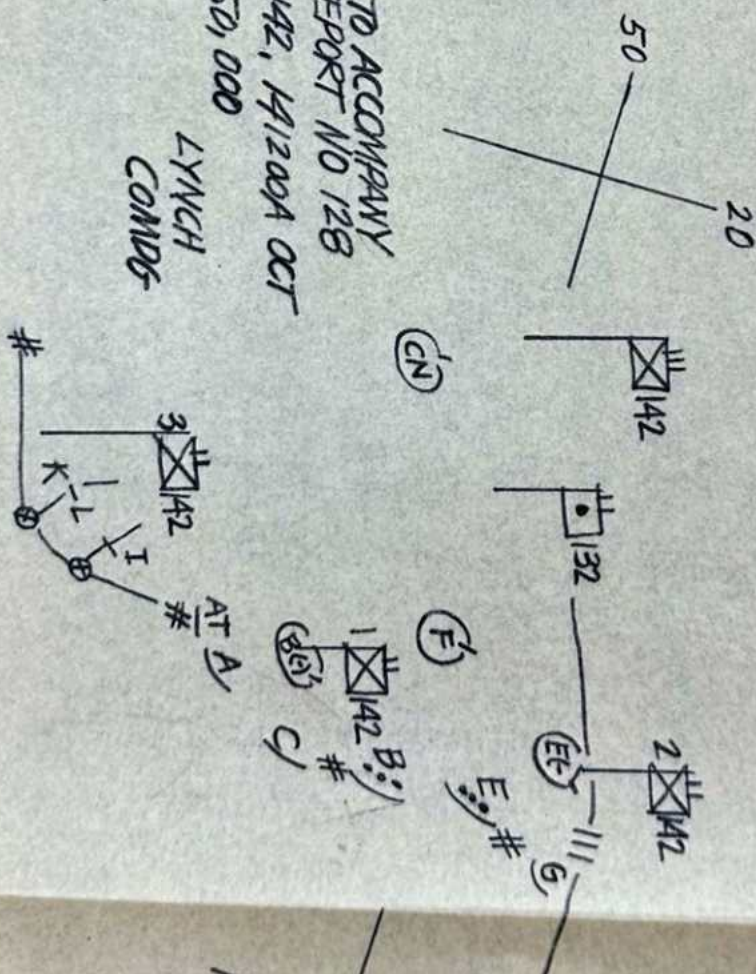
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FROM: 150000A Oct 1944
TO: 152400A Oct 1944
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 15 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0120		1			Co A patrol ran into German patrol 250 to 300 yds from their starting position. After fire fight the German patrol withdrew. Co A patrol was unable to advance further due to considerable enemy small arms fire.	
	0530	2			G-2 given situation. All quiet for night except for occasional shelling.	
	0620	3			G-3 given situation.	
0625		4			1st Bn roadblock on RAHAUPAL road received a little shelling. German 3-man patrol walked into road block, we fired on patrol killing one German. Cos A, B, and C sectors quiet. Outposts quiet.	
0630		5			2nd Bn - nothing to report.	
0630		6			3rd Bn. Little shelling on roadblock at LE CREUX and in Co L sector. Patrols # 3 and 4 not sent out. Patrols # 1 and 2 have not returned as yet. Raiding party got lost.	
0755		7			Enemy firing small arms into Co A front; will not try proposed platoon attack until that clears up. Will try and get one Sqd of Co C out to the front. One Plat of Co B to go on an all day mission on left flank and out as far as REHAUPAL - JUSSERUPT road. Have one AT gun in position now at V261488.	
0800		8			30th Inf - Task Force Porter - entered LT THOLY at 0300. Still fighting MGs in town. Co K waiting to occupy town. 7th Inf closed into ELOYES in Corps reserve.	
0810		9			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports: Co B Plat reports approximately twelve Germans seen in approaches to area between Co B Plat and Co E. Co B patrol will comb this area.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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0820		10			<p>3rd Bn reports Co L patrol # 2 went to 254465, heard vehicle and troop movement but too dark to observe. Co L Patrol # 3 went to 249459, heard noises at house vicinity 252459. This area previously thought to be clear. Just before later patrol left area an enemy patrol was firing from 240463 into our positions at 249462. (PM # 3035)</p>	
0830		11				
0840		12			<p>3rd Bn reports observing an enemy MG in 1st Bn sector with enemy troops around it at 256478. Requested permission to fire on it with mortars. Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, consulted and it was decided that it would be too dangerous to fire. 1st Bn has same MG under observation and already killed one gunner.</p>	
0900		13			<p>Co B reports house their patrols were to go to is on fire vicinity 266496 (AP #3173). Col Lynch ordered them to keep house and surrounding area under observation.</p>	
1030		14			<p>Div reports 2nd Bn 442 RCT at V225568 receiving Arty fire. 3rd Bn 143 Inf at V217551, no contact reported. 1st Bn 143 Inf at V221559 receiving Arty fire. Co F 141 Inf at V229543, no report as to resistance.</p>	
1130		15			<p>Div reports Co K 141 Inf at V235543 receiving self-propelled fires from LAVAL and some small arms fire. 2nd Bn 141 Inf attacking NE at 224543 (2nd Bn less Co E).</p>	
1140		16			<p>Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, reports no ammo received today. Will cease firing until notified otherwise.</p>	
					<p>Col Lynch ordered Capt Fore to fire up to 400 rds of observed fire today.</p>	

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1230		17			Capt Seeman, G-3 section, phoned. One Plat of our AT Co attached to FILBER FORCE, will be released in about one-half hour. The second Plat will be released in about one hour. Situation and time of release depends on progress of 141 Inf. 753rd Tk Bn has been notified of their relief.	
1345		18			Div G-3 reports: 442 Inf 1st Bn V228598, no op- position; 2nd Bn V228573, no opposition; 3rd Bn attacking position V213577. 141 Inf reports woods at V225545 now clear, enemy appears to be drawing back. 141 Inf Co E V225547, Co F V230549, Co K V235548. 143 Inf Co C V223564, Co A V229559, Co B 223560; Co I on edge of LAVAL, took 40 PWs on HILL 479. 179th Inf Co A V227588 pinned down, Co B V227595 pinned down, Co C V226591 pinned down, Co E V228581, Co F V225585, Co L V238602, Co K V240603 can see enemy digging in at V229603. BSL K3615-V4030-V3837-V3642-then as before.	
	1500	19			Col Lynch and Capt Hunley left CP for 2nd Bn CP.	
1410		20			Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn, reports Co B patrol left at 0800A to the NE, back along edge of woods across road, back along woods N, then back to position, then contacted Co E, then continued on to Co B reserve positions 248486. No contact. Co C patrol left at 0900A, proceeded along right edge of Co C positions, crossed road to woods around house, then started S to woods and about 100 to 250 yds away received fire; 4 casualties; killed 4 enemy; took 3 PWs. Returned to Co A outpost, reorganizing and will try mission again. Patrol found fresh dug positions SE of Co C positions but were unmanned. Co A patrol returned because of mortar, SP, SM, and MG fire, suffered three casualties. BN OP in Co C area receiving heavy self-propelled shelling now.	
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1600		21			Col Lynch and Capt. Hunley returned to CP. While at 2nd Bn CP Col Lynch instructed Col Kilbourne to organize and execute a raiding party on houses at 266503 by enveloping from N swinging around swinging around S to come in on positions from the rear. Also gave instructions to accomplish registration of mortar and Arty defensive fires at earliest possible moment. Also instructed them to send a patrol into JUSSARUPT tonight. If patrol finds it can enter the town it will remain there as outposts and send back two messengers with their location. 141 Inf notified of this patrol	
1630		22			Div reports 30th Inf TASK FORCE PORTER pulled back to vicinity 2544. Co K at 26 easting on edge of LE THOLY, heavy resistance. 45th Div no change. 143 Inf Co C 234563, Co A 2356 across railroad and advancing, Co B 223560 no change, Co I in edge of town and with tanks in town (LAVAL), Co K behind Co I.	
1700		23			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, phoned and states he will fire harassing fire along road E of Co G positions. Approximately 300 rounds were drawn today.	
1756		24			Lt Fick, S-2 2nd Bn, said 2nd Bn patrol would leave at 1900A.	
1820		25			Capt McSwain called from S-4. Replacements are in, 239 replacements. Not broken down as yet.	
1845		26			131 FA phoned and inquired about harassing fires at V272523, V274526, V278534. Maj Clyburn was consulted and the request was granted.	
1850		27			Lt Darden, Ln O 132 FA, said both air and ground OPs reported seeing a number of gun flashes around 3154 and 3155 at about 1830A. 132 FA has fired on an estimated 4 or 6 gun Btry in that area before.	

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	1900	28			Maj Clyburn called 141 Inf S-2 asking for contact patrols at four hour interval.	
1910		29			AT Co Plats are now located at XAMONTARUPT.	
1950		30			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports that Bn area receiving considerable shelling ranging from mortars up to Cal 150 and 170, coming from direction of CHAMPDRAY. Co A area receiving most of it. Some casualties. Can hear mortar, Arty, and small arms fire from 3rd Bn sector.	
2010		31			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn. Co I patrol went out as scheduled, ran into fire fight, has not returned as yet. Enemy started shelling sector with mortars and Arty. Co L patrol went out through house that Germans were in, did not find anything.	
2150		32			Maj Snow, CO 155 FA, called. Had two guns damaged by enemy barrage around 1900A. Requested Engrs.	
2215		33			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, went to patch of woods about 900 yds to front, contacted enemy but could not get around or through them so returned.	
2220		34			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn. Co I patrol has returned, will give full report when our line to Co I is in. Have sent squad from Co L out to outpost houses that Co L patrol found unoccupied. (Houses at 250465 - AP # 3025).	
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FROM: 141200A Oct 1944
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Hq 142 Inf
APO # 36
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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy maintained a defensive attitude with increased patrol activity and a slight increase of artillery.
 - (2) Infantry: Four-man German patrol was fired on by our roadblock at V250475 about 2300A. Estimated 12-man enemy patrol observed working way toward our positions vicinity 260490. Seven-man enemy patrol encountered at V257480, four enemy killed, 3 captured at 1130A.
 - (3) Artillery: Frequent harassing fires fell vicinity ST JEAN, TENDON, HOUX, LAVELINE and vicinity V210490. Also scattered rounds throughout Regt sector during night.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 6 - In France 3460.
 - (2) Identifications: 1st Co 326 Regt
3rd Co 326 Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION:

RCT remained in defensive positions throughout the period, patrolling aggressively to the front. Regt CP moved at 141300A from TENDON to ST JEAN, opening at 140000A.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf
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IN	OUT					
0030		1			3rd Bn reports contact patrol from Co K returned at 0015A. Contacted Co F 30th Inf who was in same position. Rcn patrol of Co K at 2100A contacted AT Plat. 2nd Bn 30th Inf in woods at V245455. AT gun in position covering trail at right flank of Co Ks heavy MG. AT Plat had 30 Cal heavy MG covering open ground SW of group of trees as shown on overlay. On way back contacted Co L 142 Inf positions. Reported back at 2345A. At 0015A four rounds of enemy mortar fell in front of 2nd Plat Co L.	
0220		2			2400A Co C patrol same route as 2000A patrol, ran into heavy fire and reported in.	
0220		3			Co G combat patrol to JASSARUPT at 2000A got into 1st and 2nd houses, found them unoccupied. Next building is saw mill, saw enemy there and fired on them, killing one. Enemy opened up from 1st house on N side of road with MG and rifle. From 2nd half of sawmill we fired rifles at them. Received no mortar fire; encountered no flares or booby traps, and returned at 0210A.	
0410		4			Lt Hale reports that two Co C left flank patrols marked 9-3 and 10-2 returned, encountered nothing. Patrol went over prescribed route. No Arty fire lately. Can hear MG fire in edge of REHAUPAL near 3rd Bn.	
0420		5			Capt Seeman, Div Hq, called. Patrols of ours have reached the 30th Inf. Reports a mortar at 245459 (approximately), could hear it firing. 30th Inf had an AT gun knocked out.	
	0425	6			Capt McSwain called Lt Knox 3rd Bn and asked him to check on enemy mortars that have fired just recently. Lt Knox reports that Co M has not fired mortars for several hours, but Co K received some mortar fire, about 15 rounds, between 0345A and 0400A.	

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	0435	7			Capt McSwain called Div and notified them that our Co M has not fired mortars for several hours but that Co K received about 15 Rds of mortar between 0345A and 0400A.	
0635		8			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, called and gave summary of the night's activity: Co A contacted Co I twice with patrols. Some scattered small arms fire on right of Co A. Co A patrol reports enemy dug in at 253476 (AP). Co C right flank patrol reports enemy along line of trees at 255480 (AP), enemy appears strong. Co B patrol got lost and stayed out all night finally appearing in Co E area. No enemy encountered. Received scattered Arty fire in Bn sector all night.	
0845		9			Div reports 141 Inf Cos E and F vicinity LEPANGES; Co I 245541, 2554, 254536; Co K 232550; Co L 239543.	
	0850	10			Col Lynch ordered Lt Col Graham to go to 1st Bn CP and find out the exact situation.	
0855		11			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP.	
0830		12			Checked with Maj Hensley, S-4, on warning flares. He stated he had delivered 25 to 1st Bn. All available now. Called Capt Cornelius asking him to return those he did'nt need so they could be delivered to 2nd Bn. Received mortar ammo report from Maj Hensley, submitted to Lt Col Graham.	
0855		13			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned: 143 Inf Co C 232563, Co A 231558, Co B 224550; Co I 228554; Co K 224553. 141 Inf Co E 225547; Co F 229549; Co G 265519; Co C 260532, Co B 272526. Co A attacking through Co B to establish a roadblock at V275526. 45 Div no change. 157 Inf engaged in street fighting. 3rd Div no change except Co E V257448, Co K V2643. 442 RCT 2nd Bn V230572, 100th Bn V230580.	
	0910	14			Lt Col Graham left for 1st Bn CP.	

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	0950	15			Gen Dahlquist left Regt CP.	
	1000	16			Per Col Lynch's instructions Bns were ordered to keep their mortar ammunition expenditure within the allowance of seven rounds per 60mm mortar per day and four per 81mm mortar per day except in cases of emergency.	
1045		17			Capt Newell Div Hq phoned and states Co F 30th Inf is sending a combat patrol to clear out enemy positions in front of our positions. Leaving at 1100A. V246451, V246452, V245454, V253454, V249453, then return to company positions.	
1100		18			Baggage is in. 15 cars at VESOUL. Will talk to Col Lynch or Lt Col Graham about transportation. Ordnance has made up six fragmentation grenades for the AT grenade launcher. Will distribute two to each Bn for experimentation.	
1115		19			Capt Fore, CP Cn Co, phoned and states he is allotted 300 more rounds of ammunition for today and is sending to DAO to get it.	
	1125	20			Capt Hunley phoned Maj Hensley and instructed him not to issue the grenades to Bns but to experiment with them himself.	
1130		21			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports enemy laying defensive fires on and in front of 1st Bn positions. Col Lynch ordered him to note where they are placing Arty and maybe we would be able to choose routes avoiding it.	
1140		22			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Co I had 60 rds of mortar on their positions, no casualties. Co L had 30 rounds of Arty, 1 man killed, 1 man wounded. Enemy shelling happened in the past five minutes.	
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IN	OUT					
	1130	15			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify each Bn that this afternoon they will be delivered 10 rolls of concertina and 5 rolls barbed wire. Bn to use this for protection of fields of fire and positions. Plans to be made this afternoon. Bns notified at 1140A.	
1145		16			Col Lundquist, CO 141 Inf, came to CP.	
	1320	17			Maj Clyburn notified 2nd Bn that 2nd Bn 141 Inf would not have any patrols in JUSSARUPT tonight.	
1335		18			Div reports Co E 143 Inf vicinity 265556 followed by Co G by a few hundred yards. Receiving Arty and SP fire from vicinity AUMONTZEY and SE.	
	1340	19			Capt Hunley notified 141 Inf 2nd Bn of above and asked them to have Arty observers look for enemy fire.	
1345		20			Maj Young, Exec Officer 3rd Bn, phoned and asked for assistance from Engrs in laying barbed wire. Capt Hunley consulted of the matter and Maj Young was instructed that a check would be necessary as Engrs were rather busy.	
	1510	21			Capt Hunley phoned Engrs asking permission to use some men to assist Bns in constructing barbed wire defense. Permission given to use two or three NCOs.	
	1515	22			Maj Young notified of above. Maj Young states he would like to have them this afternoon and they need only supervise the work.	
	1520	23			Capt Hunley notified Capt Currey, CO Co B 111 Engrs, of Maj Young's desires.	
	1535	24			Maj Clyburn gave patrol reports to G-2. 442 RCT attempted to cross RR at 265565, met stiff resistance and could not advance. (Cont'd)	

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		24	(Cont'd)		143 Inf crossed RR at 257563, one Co 264553, one Co 265555, one Co 263562. FILBER FORCE at 2657.	
1550		25			Capt Hunley notified S-3 2nd Bn 141 Inf that CO 142 Inf was getting a Flak Wagon and wanted to put it in Bn area. Time of arrival and position later. A guide will pick it up where we specify.	
1555		26			Capt Hunley phoned Col Sladen Div G-3 who will check with AA officer and then notify this Hq of details	
1625		27			Col Lynch ordered a patrol from 2nd Bn to leave position in time to get on way by dark. Patrol to consist of 6 men under a good NCO, including a man who can speak French. Patrol to search JUSSARUPT thoroughly and determine if it is clear of enemy.	
1645		28			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1750		29			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1800		30			Capt Fisher, 443 AAA AW Bn called for information as to where we want Flak Wagon. Told to bring them to ST JEAN DU MARCHE and they will be guided from this point. Lt Young, 2nd Bn 141 Inf, notified.	
1730		31			Capt Clarke, Co A 753 Tk Bn, arrived at CP. Had reconnoitered for position and gave recommendation. Will return about 1900A to confer with Col Lynch.	
1830		32			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, called at CP. Received orders from Regt CO. (1) 141 Inf roadblock vicinity V265223 too far back. After relief is effected have Plat leader reconnoiter for position farther forward to tie in with Inf vicinity V268222. (2) Night of 21 Oct relieve 141 Inf RB at 263229. (3) Put squad of AT Mine Plat with each roadblock and all automatic weapons available. Capt Scott stated he would have 5 light 30 Cal MGS and 2 50 Cal MGS available for both roadblocks.	

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1915		33			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that some Arty has been falling into Cos L and I area about 20 to 30 Rds, also some mortars.	
1920		34			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, called and asked if he could fire a concentration at 269501. Was informed that it was OK to fire. 2nd Bn 142 Inf was informed that our Cn Co was going to fire a concentration in front of their positions.	
	1922	35			Maj Clyburn informed CO 2nd Bn 141 Inf to send out a contact patrol to the 143 Inf at 251539 across road at 2300A and 0300A.	
1900		36			Capt Clarke, Co A 753 Td Bn, called at CP and received the following instructions from Col Lynch. Position of tanks as follows: Two at V257531, one at V262521, one at V273524, one at V263523, one Plat (3 tanks) HERPELMONT. one Plat (4 tanks) TENDON.	
1930		37			Capt Fisher and Lt Shine called at CP. It was decided to bring two Flak Wagons into HERPELMONT via BEAUMENIL - HERPELMONT road. Carriers would go into temporary position tonight and tomorrow reconnaissance would be made for position covering JUSSARUPT - AUMONTZEY - GRANGES sector. Lt Shine will report to Lt Col Kilbourne sometime tomorrow in regard to troop dispositions.	
2000		38			Maj Young, 3rd Bn, called. Plan for raid on house at 250465 at dawn tomorrow. One Plat Co L (less 1 squad) will leave position at 248463 at 0400A and move into assembly area 253464, dispose and wait until 0500A. Work into position to assault house at dawn. One squad will be in position at 249467 as base of fire to cover attack and then will assault from the west. Attack to be coordinated by ground projector.	

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2050		39			Capt Seeman, Div Hq, reports the following: 442 Inf Co A 253584, Cos B and C HILL 595. FELBER FORCE roadblock 251573 and 263573. 2nd and 3rd Bns 442 Inf 265570. 143 Inf Co F HILL 501 (264550) will advance and establish at 267548, Co E 264554 moving to 272550, Co G 265562 moving to 267554. 19 PWs. 1st Bn 143 Inf still in BRUYERES, 3rd Bn mopping up assigned area. 7th Inf 1st Bn 246589, one Co 249588; 3rd Bn 243587.	
2200		40			1st Bn 142 Inf called. Their # 3 Rcn patrol of Co B that left at 2000A and returned at 2150A, completed entire route, no contact with enemy. Could hear three horse drawn carts on road at edge of woods at 266502 (AP 3175).	
2230		41			Capt Beasley phoned the following: 30th Inf Co F 245448, Co G 249448, Co E 257448, Co L 243437, Co K 259430.	
2235		42			1st Bn 142 Inf called in their # 4 Rcn patrol report. Patrol of Co C that followed the complete route left at 1900A and returned at 2225A. Heard and saw nothing.	
2240		43			CO Co A 753 Tk Bn called. Had all tanks in position except one. Wished to wait until morning to make reconnaissance for position. Capt Hunley ordered tank to be in position by tomorrow night at latest.	
2240		44			2nd Bn 141 Inf reports that in front of Co F pos at 2200A was some small arms fire. A patrol from Co A went S of church at 272523 (AP 3177), did not see or hear any movement. Left Co E area at 2055A and returned at 2155A.	
2300		45			Cn Co reports that they are going to fire on JASSARUPT for the 2nd Bn.	

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2310		46			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn, reports: Patrol to JUSSARUPT left at 1830 and returned at 2300A. They took a Frenchman with them on patrol. Went to the first house, found no Frenchman. Then went on to mill and found ten Germans, then proceeded to left to woods and found lots of Germans. Drew no fire. Cn Co is going to fire.	
2330		47			S-3 2nd Bn 141 Inf reports that Arty is falling in town of HERPELMONT and also short of Cos E and F positions, one round every three minutes. Co G area is quiet. AT Plat reports trees falling to front on road to LAVELINE at 264530.	
2355		48			2nd Bn 141 Inf reports that contact patrol to 143 Inf encountered no enemy at 2320A.	
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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: The enemy continued to defend prepared positions and patrol to his front.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy infantry activity limited to patrols. Estimated 20 man patrol approached our outpost at 1800A at V263497. This patrol taken under fire and withdrew. Another patrol of similar strength was encountered at same location by our combat patrol at 0800A and withdrew. Our patrol to JASSARUPT encountered enemy patrol of 5 men at V268514.
 - (3) Artillery: Only scattered artillery reported during period.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 2 - To date in FRANCE: 3458.
 - (2) Identifications: 8th Co 726 Regt
Hq Co 326 Regt (from papers on German killed 19 Oct vicinity V258482)

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive positions patrolling progressively to the front.
- b. 2nd Bn 141 Inf attached to RCT 142 at 191500A occupying defensive positions as shown on overlay.

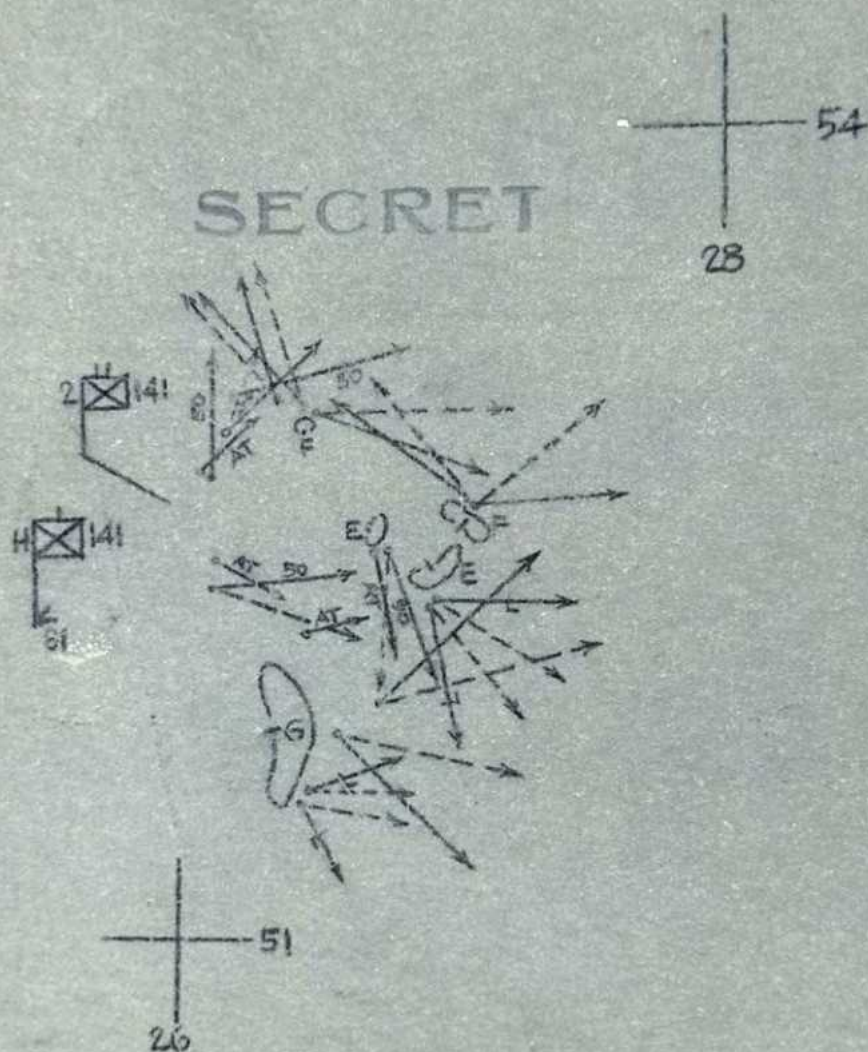
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Capt., 142 Inf.
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POSITIONS OF 2ND BN 141 INF (ATTACHED)

HQ 142 INF. 20 OCT 44

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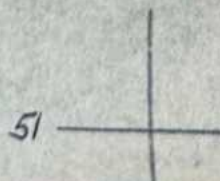
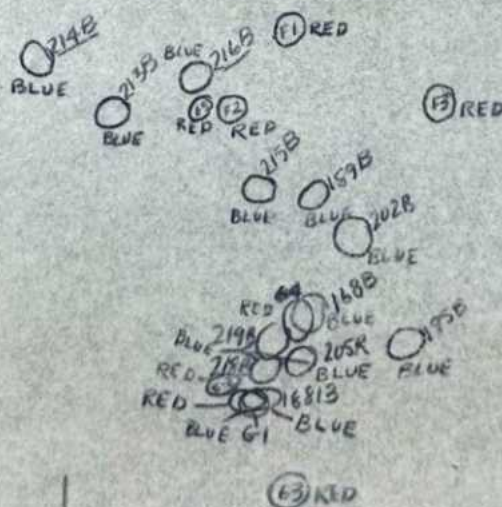
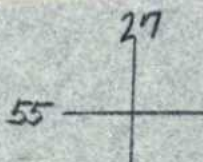
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Red - Mortar Fires
Blue - Artillery Fires
Underlined Fires to be
fired only when troops in
vicinity are withdrawn



Defensive Fires for
200BN, 141 200LT44 Time 1600
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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
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21 OCTOBER 1944

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FROM: 210000A Oct 1944
TO : 212400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 21 Oct 1944

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0100		1			2nd Bn 141 Inf called. Co G 141 Inf reports a few small arms shots heard on their left flank.	
0200		2			2nd Bn 141 Inf reports all quiet.	
0230		3			3rd Bn phoned for a check on Arty falling directly to their front and disturbing progress of patrols.	
	0245	4			Checked fire and not from Div Arty or Regt Cn Co. Also checked with 30th Inf who state they are not firing. Bn notified and decided fire is enemy Arty.	
0250		5			S-3 3rd Bn reports Co K patrol left Co area 245473 and proceeded SE to 247468, then due E and checked houses at 248468. House clear of enemy, but heard enemy activity at house 248467. Patrol continued NE, skirted wooded area to right at 249471 and continued N to within 30 Yds of house at 249474. Were not challenged or fired upon so continued NW to Co position returning at 0215A.	
0345		6			2nd Bn 141 Inf reports all quiet in their sector. Patrol made contact with 143 Inf on their left at time ordered from this Hq.	
0745		7			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports Co L patrol left position at 2000A vicinity 248464 and returned at 0600A. Proceeded E along edge of woods 253464, became lost and wandered around in woods. No information gained. Combat patrol left at 0300A had two casualties while getting in position. Harassing Arty and mortar fire in Bn area during night, no casualties.	
0825		8			Capt Clarke, CO Co A 753 Tk Bn, reported all tanks in position except one out on point of hill. Will have position prepared for it by tonight.	
0900		9			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called: 3rd Bn 15th Inf assembled at 244585, will attack this morning N astride Hwy from RJ 248585. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 21 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR EG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		9	(Cont'd)		2nd and 3rd Bn 7th Inf will attack DONFAING and BELMONT. 2nd Bn 143 Inf will continue attack this morning.	
	1000	10			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to phone G-2 and ask for surrender leaflets in RUSSIAN.	
	1040	11			Col Lynch ordered 2nd Bn to send a patrol to JUSSARUPT today to see if statements of PWs are true of the town being evacuated early this morning.	
1100		12			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called following information: 442 Inf two Cos meeting heavy enemy dig in positions after jump off. Two Cos at 278562. Air mission will be frequent today. 100th Bn 442 Inf will try to cut BELMONT - BIFFONTAINE road. 2nd and 3rd Bns 7th Inf meeting heavy small arms and artillery fire 300 yds W of VERVEZELLE. 3rd Bn 15th Inf is at 249585, moving N, one Co in woods. No change in 45th Div or 30th Inf. 143 Inf Co E at 267554, Co F on Co E's right, Co G at 264554.	
1140		13			Gen Stack came to CP.	
	1200	14			Capt Eisenberg, 2nd Bn, given plan of relief of 2nd Bn 141 Inf. To start at 1400A with relief of Co G 141 Inf by Plat Co E. Balance of relief to be effected at dusk.	
1200		15			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, reported proposed disposition of AT guns, automatic weapons on roadblocks.	
	1200	16			Gen Stack left.	
1220		17			Maj Young, Exec O 3rd Bn, reports that at 1210A 12 rounds of 105mm Arty or heavier fell on Plat of Co K 246467 and still falling intermittently. Combat platoon that left this morning to raid house in fire fight.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
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Date: 21 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1245		18			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports about 60 Rds of medium Arty fell on Cos F and G positions between 0900-1200A. Estimated two or three guns firing. Patrol to JUSSARUPT suffered some casualties before moving out from this fire. Reorganized and moving out now.	
	1248	19			Counter battery officer at Div notified of above.	
1250		20			Exec Officer 1st Bn reports Co A patrol and outposts receiving enemy Inf attack, no details.	
	1300	21			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, informed that there is a Plat of four tanks in TENDON (Regt Res) and asked if there were suitable positions in his sector for tanks; either to move up and fire at targets of opportunity or to be dug in as pillboxes. Lt Col Gillette to make study and advise Lt Col Lynch.	
1330		22			Capt Clark, CO Co A 753 Tk Bn, called at CP. Reported that they would be unable to get tank into position at point of hill V272525. Same tank to be positioned at 265514.	
1335		23			1st Bn reports combat patrol and outposts doing alright. Will have all of patrol on W side of road soon. Details later. Combat patrol from Co C leaving to investigate area (Map 1:50,000) V258483.	
	1345	24			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, instructed to send six 1½ ton trucks to LEPANGES this afternoon. To be held there to transport reserve troops only if and when needed.	
	1400	25			Col Lynch ordered Cn Co trucks to report to XAMONTARUPT instead of LEPANGES. Trucks will be prepared to haul one Co of 141 Inf that is on the alert to any place they may be needed.	

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IN	OUT					
1415		26			Maj Eite, S-3 141 Inf, called at CP. Was given troop disposition and location of CPs preparatory to making a reconnaissance of our Regt front.	
	1445	27			Col Lynch left for Regt S-4, then enroute to 3rd Bn.	
1500		28			2nd Bn reports lower half of JUSSARUPT clear. tood 3 PWs and returned.	
1620		29			3rd Bn reports combat patrol returned. Left at 0530. Fought all day, suffered five casualties, 3 LW and 2 Sev W. Report house defended by 25 to 30 enemy with all around MG fire and protection wire (3 strand). House has slits for rifle. One dugout to NE of house about 15 Yds. Patrol set house on fire, destroyed 1 MG and estimated killing five enemy. Medico seen evacuating about four.	
	1630	30			G-2 given report.	
1700		31			Lt Kune called and reports that there is a self propelled gun at 257475, went into woods about an hour ago and has not yet came out.	
1725		32			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1745		33			Col Sladen phoned and the Gen wants tanks to be on the alert and be ready to fire on anything to the right of Co E of 143 obj 270546.	
	1750	34			Lt Col Graham notified Capt Clarke, CO Co A 753 Tk Bn, of above information.	
1755		35			Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn, called. Patrols for tonight will be as follows and are listed according to their numbers: #1 Contact; #2 as #1 on overlay 2200A; #3 as #2 on overlay 1900A, 0200A; #4 as #3 on overlay 2200A; #5 will try to pick up casualty; #6 will enter CHAMPDRAY from the N 2400A; #7 ambush patrol 2000A.	4 30

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Place: CP ST JEAN
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IN	OUT					
1810		36			S-3 3rd Bn phoned and reports Arty fired on SP at 1630A this morning SE. Entered woods at 257455. Results unknown.	
1815		37			Capt Newell, Div Hq, gave situation as follows: 442 Inf 100th Bn 299579, 2nd and 3rd Bns left flank 288579 right flank 289578, 2nd Bn to north. 143 Inf Co E 2755, Co F 265549, Co G 264552, 1st Bn LE PANGES, 3rd Bn CHAMP LE DUC, CP in LAVAL 235554. Div CP 214539. 7th Inf 1st Bn VERVEZETTE, 2nd Bn just short of DOMFAING along RR, 3rd Bn 263601. 15th Inf edge of BROUVELIERES 60 northing.. 2nd Bn 179 Inf two Cos W edge of BROUVELIERES 252601, 3rd Bn on hill 511 250598	
	1830	38			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to notify 2nd Bn to have a reinforced squad in edge of JUSSARUPT by daylight to clean out town. 2nd Bn notified to contact 143 Inf at BEAUMENIL at 251539 at 2300A and 0300A.	
1835		39			2nd Bn reports Co E on position. Lt Young, S-3 2nd Bn 141 Inf, reports all Cos stand relieved except two strongpoints. 2nd Bn 141 Inf CP to be at 212528 vicinity LEPANGES.	
	1850	40			Capt Hunley phoned 141 Inf to check on final location for 2nd Bn 141 Inf. S-3 stated the Bn would go on to XAMONTARUPT as planned earlier today.	
1905		41			Lt Levine, Co A 753 Tk Bn, reports tank could not be worked into position as planned vicinity V2655M. Instructed to put tank vicinity 263523 with the other one already in that vicinity. Lt Levine also instructed to have Plat Ldr res Plat at TENDON report to Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, at 0800A 22 Oct for purpose of reconnaissance for tank positions covering REHAUPAL sector.	

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IN	OUT					
1915		42			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn, reports relief practically affected. Comm is not quite established as yet, will notify.	
2015		43			2nd Bn patrol to JUSSARUPT returned. Reports fired on by enemy from house N of mill, by-passed this point and fired on by Germans on guard at house at RJ where PWs were picked up earlier this afternoon. Patrol returned by Co E positions.	
2035		44			2nd Bn 142 Inf has completed relief of 2nd Bn 141 Inf and 2nd Bn 141 Inf has cleared area.	
2055		45			Col Sladen called. Said Gen directed that the Flak Wagons would not be employed in places where adequate protection was not available, such as; houses, sheds, or defilade positions in order that they might quickly move from their place of hiding, cover their field by fire, and be able to quickly take cover that would give them maximum protection from returned enemy fire. Lt Col Kilbourn, CO 2nd Bn, was directed to comply with the General's directive by Lt Col Graham.	
2230		46			Lt Co Minor, CO 1st Bn, German roadblock in REHAUPAL fired on our roadblock with MG and AT guns.	
2235		47			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn. Ambush patrol returned. Nothing to report	
2310		48			1st Bn patrol to CHAMPDRAY reports exceptional amount of activity. Patrol entered town from W encountering Germans at church. Enemy unloading horse drawn carts in front of church. Another patrol to go out at 2400A.	
2320		49			2nd Bn 141 Inf closed in at XAMONTARUPT at 2230A.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 135

FROM: 201200A Oct. 1944
TO : 211200A Oct. 1944

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HEADQUARTERS

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH INFANTRY

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Hq 142 Inf
CP ST JEAN
21 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy activity generally restricted to defensive action with increase use of artillery.
 - (2) Infantry: Early in period our combat patrol to 269498 encountered Germans in considerable strength and engaged into a fight which lasted until dusk. Another patrol to vicinity 254458 received heavy MG, SA, and Arty fire. Night patrols report ten enemy in SW end of JASSARUPT and a large group in woods at 268514. Other night patrols report: trees being felled across road at V268498 at 2200A; considerable MG and SA fire from CHAMPDRAY; small enemy group at 254476 that fired rifle grenades; approaches to REHAUPAL booby trapped with trip wires injuring four men of our patrol; and enemy estimated to consist of three MRS, two machine pistols and about six riflemen at 248471. At close of period our patrol engaged with enemy at 251465.
 - (3) Artillery: Estimated 60 Rds 105mm fell at 255505 about 1200A and about 12 Rds fell at 246467 at 1210A.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 4 - In FRANCE: 3462
 - (2) Identifications: 1st Co 736
8th Co 360 IR

2. OWN SITUATION: No change.

JOHN B. HUNLEY
Capt., 142d Inf.
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TO: PERACOA NOV 1944 Organization: 1st Inf
 FROM: PERACOA NOV 1944 Place: ST JEAN
 REF: FRANCOIS, 1,30-000 Date: Nov. Oct 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
 ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
 APC # 36, U. S. ARMY

TIME	IN	OUT	SERIES	DATE	ES	ACTION
0500			1			2nd Bn called and reports that Co B patrol contacted Co A. No activity.
0540			2			Capt Moswain gave situation to G-3.
0650			3			Capt Cornelius, 1st Bn, called. In sending down two Russians that just walked into Co B positions and surrendered.
0720			4			3-3 3rd Bn reports patrol # 3 left Co B at 1800A, crossed 254155, went to 254153, then 3-33 to 253455, heard vol, believed to be enemy, threw hand grenades and fired 2 flares through door. 3-33 returned. Moved 3-3 to 253455, came W to 254152. Returned at 0600A. Contacted at 0600A - no reports. Co I pat. not yet returned.
0800			5			Capt Beasley reports 1st Bn contacted enemy only once during night and that at 252555. 1st Bn contacted no enemy during night. Father reports sent patrol into ENLIGHT. Overpasses at SE edge of town, Co at 0600. 1st Bn 1st Infantry Bridge at 254014, 3rd Bn 254020, 2nd Bn 254030.
0910			6			Col Lyden left for Div HQ.
0915			7			Capt Olsen, 3-3 2nd Bn, inquired about fire team for tank and tank signals. Given 1st Bn position and routes of advance for today. Instructed not to fire except LAMALINE without checking in with this Bn. Capt Olsen reported that Co B patrol had contacted 1st Bn patrol at ENLIGHT at 254014.
0940			8			Col Minor, 3d 1st Bn, reports that 3-44's advanced and reported enemy about 400 Yds W of his position.

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 22 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT					
0100		1			2nd Bn called and reports that Co G patrol contacted Co E. No activity.	
	0520	2			Capt McSwain gave situation to G-2.	
0650		3			Capt Cornelius, 1st Bn, called. Is sending down two Russians that just walked into Co B positions and surrendered.	
0720		4			S-3 3rd Bn reports patrol # 3 left Co L at 1900A, crossed 250465, went to 254463, then S-SE to 253465, heard voices believed to be enemy, threw hand grenades in windows and fired rifles through doors but no fire in return. Moved SE to 255463, came W to Co area 248462. Returned at 0600A. Combat patrol left at 0400A - no reports. Co I patrol # 3 left at 1930A, not yet returned.	
0800		5			Capt Beasley reports 143 Inf contacted enemy only once during night and that at 273548. 442 Inf contacted no enemy during night. Pelber Force sent patrol into BELMONT. Overpasses at SE edge of town, OK at 0630. 15th Inf 1st Bn secured bridge at 254014, 3rd Bn 250620, 2nd Bn 210620.	
	0910	6			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
0915		7			Capt Olsen, S-3 2nd Bn, inquired about fire limits for tanks and flak wagons. Given 143 Inf position and routes of advance for today. Instructed not to fire toward LAVALINE without checking in with this Hq. Capt Olsen reported that Co E patrol had contacted 143 Inf patrol at BEAUMENIL at 220300 Oct.	
0940		8			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports two P-47's bombed and strafed enemy about 400 Yds E of his outposts.	
1000		9			Lt Orchid, G-3 section, phoned and states there will be several air missions E of CHAMPDRAY today. 2nd Bn notified.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1055		10			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that at 0900A 12 Rds of medium Arty fell at 245467, 8 Rds vic 243476 to 244476. House shelled at 254465. Enemy came from direction about 1000 from OP 255468. MG fire from 248472 to burned house also received.	
1055		11			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1100	12			Opns Instructions phoned to Lt Col Gillette by Col Lynch. 1. 3rd Bn 142 Inf (Co B 111 Engr Bn, 36th Rcn Trp atchd) will relieve the 30th Inf by daylight 23 Oct, thereby extending its sector to LA FORGES V248413. As much of relief as possible will be affected in daylight 22 Oct 44. a. Co B 111 Engr Bn will occupy positions now held by 2nd Bn 30th Inf with two Plats forward and one in reserve. b. 36th Rcn Trp (with 142 Inf I & R Plat Atchd) will occupy positions now held by 1st Bn 30th Inf and will place one Plat in each of the positions held by A and B Cos, 30th Inf. One Plat will be held in reserve. Plat positions will be outposted by Cos A and B 30th Inf. Outposts will consist of 5 men each. c. 3rd Bn roadblock at LECREUX will be moved to present positions of 30th Inf roadblock vicinity V245444. x. Arty FOs to be arranged. 2. a. Existing comms of 30th Inf will be taken over. b. Co B 111 Engr Bn equipped with 284 radio will check in to 142 Inf command net. c. 36th Rcn Trp will leave one radio car at troop CP and one radio car with 3rd Bn 142 Inf CP. 3. a. 36th Rcn Trp organic trans will be kept at FAUCOMPIERE. b. S-4 142 Inf will furnish additional automatic weapons available.	

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IN	OUT					
	1300	13			Col Lynch gave the above instructions to Capt Curey, Co B 111 Engr Bn, and Lt O'Brien 36th Ren Trp. Capt Curry left to report to Lt Col Gillette. Lt O'Brien contacted Capt Fell by phone directing him to bring troops to TENDON.	
	1310	14			Lt Crocker and Lt O'Brien left for 3rd Bn CP proceeding from there to 30th Inf positions.	
	1315	15			Lt Darden, 132 FA Ln O, left for 30th Inf CP. Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, gave following instructions for FOs. 1. FO with Co L will be with Co B 111 Engr leaving a Sgt FO with Co L. 2. Two Sgts FO's will maintain OPs in 36 Ren Trp sector.	
	1355	16			Capt Hunley left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1455		17			Gen Dahlquist and Gen Brooks, Deputy Corps Comdr and Col Palmer came to CP.	
1500		18			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reports advance elements 7th Inf at 280610. 442 RCT Cos A and C 315578. Bringing an Opns Instr down immediately.	
	1515	19			Gen Dahlquist, Gen Brooks, and Col Palmer left CP.	
1520		20			Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, reports observer with 1st Bn fired on enemy self-propelled gun and knocked it out.	
1525		21			Capt Hunley phoned and is on way back from 2nd Bn CP.	
1545		22			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1545		23			Positions of 143 Inf 2nd Bn 270547, Co G 272550-264550, Co F 284563-279563... 442 Inf Co F 284563, Co E 277558 down slopes. 100th Inf Cos A and C 314578, Co B 203573, Co I 299577, Co L 299584, Co K 298582, Co F 284567, Co E top ridge.	

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IN	OUT					
1555		24			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, came to CP with Opns Instructions 221400A.	
	1600	25			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	
1655		26			Lt Orcutt, G-3 section called. Tomorrow's color for display of identification panels will be cerise for vehicles and yellow for troops.	
1715		27			Maj Lynch, S-3 143 Inf, requested interdictory fires for tonight by our tanks if it could be arranged along the line of the following points: 304548, 307554, 313557, 316558. Safety line from 320570 to 280540. 143 Inf right flank 285565. Left flank 262550. Roadblock at 274546. 2nd Bn notified. Capt Olsen instructed to place section of mortars in position to afford closer support to Co E,	
1745		28			S-3, 143 Inf, wants tank fire on factory at 272542 where two enemy Cos are located. Too much elevation will put fire on 143 Inf. 2nd Bn notfd.	
1750		29			Col Lynch returned from 3rd Bn.	
1800		30			143 Inf phoned and asked for tank fire to be ceased as they are putting Arty on the target. 2nd Bn notified to stop tank fire.	
	1800	31			Checked with Div on attachment of tank Cos. Opns Instrs 36 Div 221400A changed and Stack Force will have attached Cos A and B 753 Tk Bn instead of Cos B and C.	
1845		32			Lt Roade, 143 Inf, requested contact patrols at 2300 and 0300A again tonight. To be at same crossroad at BEAUMENIL. 2nd Bn notified.	
1845		33			Lt Levine, Co A 733 Tk Bn, reports that 2 tanks will be worked into position vicinity 240465 tonight.	

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IN	OUT					
1850		34			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, called. At 1845 enemy to front fired three flares; red, white, and green from house at 249473. From vicinity of woods to SE enemy had fired burst of MG fire into Co K positions before flares - nothing followed. Wanted to know meaning of flares. S-2 said we could not tell.	
	1925	35			Checked with Div Air Officer, Lt Orcutt, on availability of cerise and yellow panel to display in compliance with Opns Instr Hq 36 Div 221400A. Lt Orcutt stated that they were not as yet available, but would be issued when they were supplied. Until such a time units will operate as they have in past, displaying no panels.	
1930		36			Lt Levine, Ln O 753 Tk Bn, instructed to report to Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, 230800A Oct for purpose of making reconnaissance for tank positions in area held by Co B 111th Engrs.	
1930		37			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, called and said a reinforced Sqd with six rifle grenadiers worked down from Co C just at dark and fired into some dug in Germans at 255477 and then withdrew.	
1935		38			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned and states: 7th Inf 1 Bn less Co C 269609, Co C 271609; 2nd Bn less Co G DOMFAING, Co G moving to DOMFAING; 3rd Bn 278612. 15th Inf 1st Bn 254614, 2nd Bn 272620, 3rd Bn following 2nd Bn vicinity 255616. 30th Inf has one Bn assembling vicinity 245588. 45th Div 1 Bn 180th Inf at river crossing 244643, met stiff enemy resistance consisting of MG, mortar and Arty fire. Withdrew and will resume crossing after dark. 3rd Bn 215625; 2nd Bn assembling 232620. 179th Inf 2nd Bn assembling BROUVILLIERES to cross toward MORTAGNE. 79th Div 2nd Bn 315 Inf at 2495, stiff resistance. Enemy dug in with tank support.	
2015		39			Div phoned stating 30th Inf waiting on their relief.	

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FROM: 220000A Oct 1944
TO : 222400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 22 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2020	40			Capt Hunley checked with 3rd Bn and they stated Engrs should be in position in 35 minutes. Rcn Trp enroute from BRUYERES.	
2030		41			Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, phoned: 179th Inf forward elements receiving heavy ARty fire. 157th Inf receiving enemy mortar and Arty fire. 7th inf 1st Bn 2761; 2nd Bn 2760; 3rd Bn 2861 attacking NE. 15th Inf 2nd Bn 2762, 30th Inf 3rd Bn 2459. Two enemy tanks V2761.	
2055		42			Maj Hensley, S-4, phoned and has 18 Red and 18 Yellow panels. Col Lynch ordered them issued to each Bn.	
	2100	43			Bns notified that they would receive cerise and yellow panels to be displayed in case of close bombing missions. Cerise for vehicles and yellow for troops.	
2130		44			Gen Stack called. Wanted to know what tank Co was attached to 142 Inf and the disposition of the tanks. After receiving this information stated that 142 Inf would retain this attachment.	
2215		45			S-3 3rd Bn reports Engrs have completed relief of 2nd Bn 30th Inf. Cos F and G have moved out and Co E moving out. Div notified.	
2250		46			Capt Seeman, G-3 section, phoned and 636 TD OP at BEAUMENIL reports heard unidentified activity at 254534 about two hours ago. Capt Seeman asked that we notify our contact patrols of this as they pass this area on way to contact 143 Inf.	
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UNIT REPORT
No. 136

FROM: 211200A Oct 1944
TO : 221200A Oct 1944

Hq 142 Inf
GP ST JEAN
22 Oct 1944

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: See Par. 1.d.(2).
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Continued defensive activity with increased activity around the town of CHAMPDRAY.
 - (2) Infantry: Patrol clashes that were in progress at beginning of period ended when our troops withdrew to their positions at dusk. During night patrols encountered enemy in house at 253455; enemy MG and rifle fire from 249472; one AT gun, one MG and rifle fire from house at 252473; MG fire from 258451; MG fire from vicinity 268498; and MG and rifle fire from several places in JASSARUPT. Considerable activity reported by listening posts in CHAMPDRAY and by patrols at 2200A and 0300A consisting of horse drawn carts, digging and shifting of troops.
 - (3) Artillery: Only scattered harassing artillery reported.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 8 - In FRANCE: 3472.
 - (2) Identifications: 1st Co 4 Ost Bn
8th Co 726 Regt
Two Russian PWs vic 261485, unidentified.

2. OWN SITUATION:

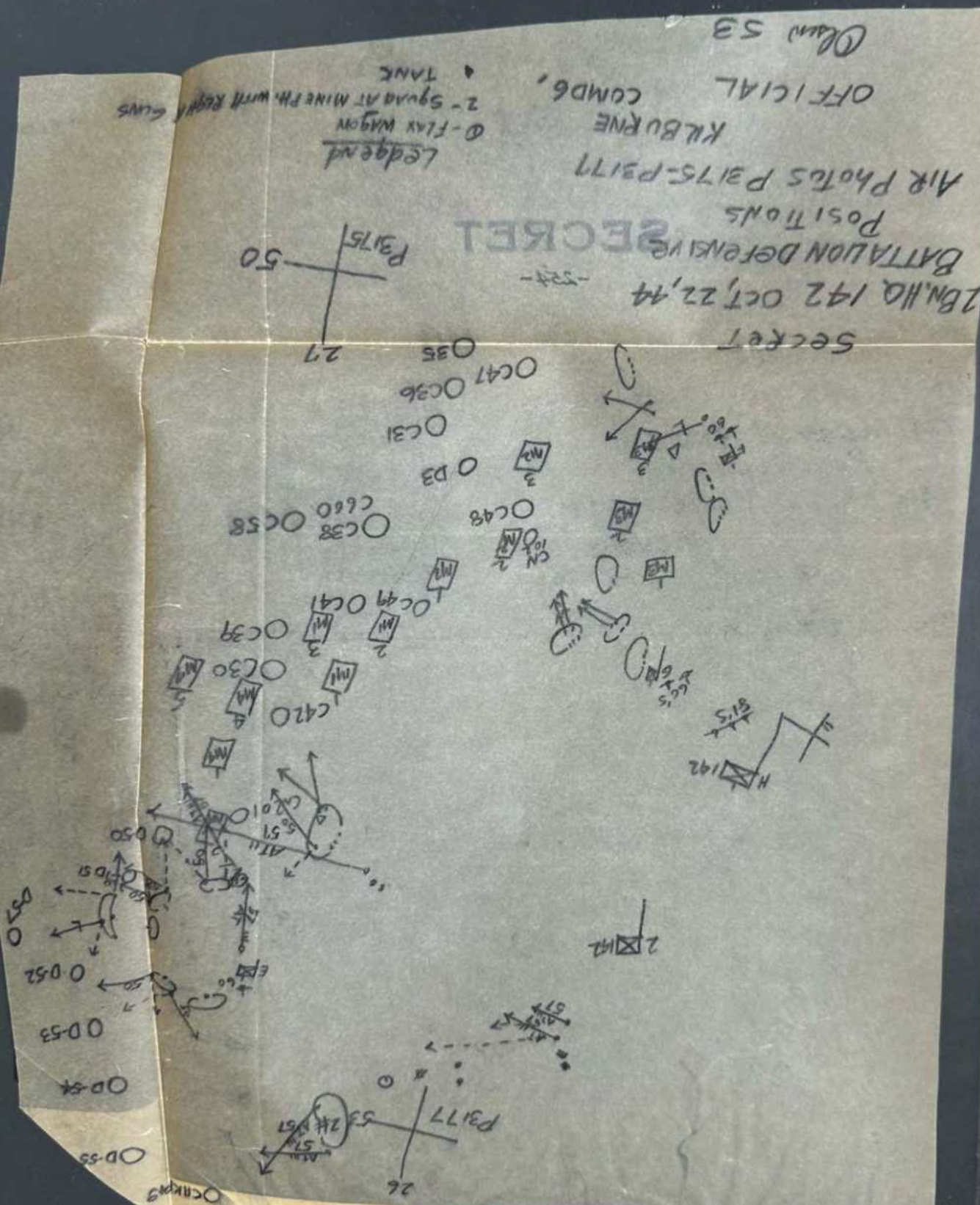
- a. RCT held present defensive positions and completed relief of 2nd Bn 141 Inf with Co E 2nd Bn 142 Inf, previously held in Regt reserve, at 212030A (Overlay will be sent later).
- b. 2nd Bn 141 Inf (attd to 142 Inf as Regt Res) closed in assembly area vicinity XAMONTARUPT at 212230A. One Co to be on the alert to move by motor to position needed, using 142 Inf Cn Co trucks for transportation.

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JOHN B. HUNLEY
Capt., 142d Inf.
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BATTALION DEFENSIVE

POSITIONS

AIR PHOTOS P3175-P3177

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CLASS 53

Legend
O - FLAG WAGON
2 - SQUAD AT MINE PH. WITH REPAIR CLANS
TANK

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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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FROM: 230000A Oct 1944
TO : 232400A Oct 1944
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 23 Oct 1944

TIME		S N	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
	0200	1			Checked with 3rd Bn on relief of 30th Inf. Lt Axelrod, 2nd Bn, states Engrs have completed this relief. Will notify us on 36th Rcn as soon as possible.	
0320		2			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that Cos A and C have been relieved and that Co B is being relieved now.	
	0500	3			G-2 given situation.	
0525		4			Capt Curtis reported relief of 1st Bn 30th Inf completed by 36 Rcn at 0520A. Div notified.	
	0810	5			Lt Col Graham left for 3rd Bn.	
0835		6			Lt Bond, Gen Stack's aide, came to CP bringing an order to Col Lynch from Gen Stack.	
0855		7			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, came to CP. 442 RCT 100th Bn and 2nd Bn no change; Co K 303588; Co I 297589, Co L 293595. BSL V3642 Road to V3952 Road to 4254, 4066, then as before. 30th Inf relieved. 143 Inf as of 0600A Co C 265549-272550, Co E 274550-284554, Co F 288562-280564. 15th Inf as of 0700A 3rd Bn 285623, 2nd Bn 276621, 1st Bn 254618. 7th Inf 1st Bn 280611, 2nd Bn 282615, 3rd Bn 287612. 141 Inf 1st and 3rd Bns close on assembly area N BRUYERES - BELMONT road.	
	1030	8			Capt Hunley gave positions of Engrs and Rcn Trp that relieved 30th Inf to G-3 section.	
1035		9			Lt Col Graham returned from 3rd Bn CP and Co B 111 Engr CP. Gave locations of Engr and Rcn Trp to Capt Hunley.	
1240		10			Capt Newell, Div Hq, reports: 442 RCT unchanged. Sending a patrol from Co L to contact 3rd Bn 7th Inf. 179 Inf 2nd Bn 256625. 15th Inf 3rd Bn 295630, 2nd Bn 279619, 1st Bn 273621. 7th Inf 2nd Bn 3062, 3rd Bn abreast 2nd on 61 nothing. 1st Bn 283615 meeting SM and mortar fire.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

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Date: 23 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1300	11			Maj Clyburn left for PLOMBERES.	
	1310	12			Col Lynch left for 1st and 2nd Bn CPs	
1325		13			CO 636 Rcn Co came to CP and was given instructions as to how to get to Plat position near LE THOLY.	
	1350	14			132 FA Bn notified to shoot propaganda leaflets at following coords: 250460, 248457, 249469, 250465, 252464, 255459, 249472, 248471, 256474, 259473, 254477, 249447, 252445, 258481, 260482, 265478, 267488, 270495, 268503, 274516, 277517.	
1400		15			Capt Besley phoned following: 2nd Bn 157 Inf relieved by Bn 36 Engr Regt, 3rd Bn now at 1969. 3rd Div 2nd Bn 7th Inf 276617, 1st and 3rd Bn no change. Enemy strong point 295595. New BSL 4232-4539-3642-3952-4259-4016-3082-3191. 1st Bn 141 Inf 284576.	
1425		16			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports they are making progress with defensive wire. Some booby traps being placed also. Are moving two 50-cal MGs to temporary positions at 264490 in order to fire into CHAMPDRAY tonight.	
	1435	17			Lt Col Graham phoned Maj Lynch 143 Inf: Co G 264548-273554, Co E 273554-284556, Co F 284565. Patrols to 284547 and 288552.	
1610		18			Maj Clyburn returned from PLOMBERES.	
1705		19			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1725		20			Maj Elligood, 132 FA, requested information as to what time German kitchens (reported by Frenchmen) fed their troops. Informed that kitchen did not feed troops directly, but supplied them by carrying parties. Best time to shoot would be about 1830A	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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Date: 23 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT			
1720		21	Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reported that Plat 636 Rcn Co had arrived OK and were being held in a reserve position by Capt Fell for the time being. Reported strength of platoon is 12 men including medicos. Tanks in Co K sector are in position, one at 235472 and other about 800 yds to front.	
1720		22	Capt Beasley, Div Ln 0, reports BIRFONTAINE is now in our hands. Taken by Co A 100 Bn 442 RCT.	
	1820	23	Maj Clyburn phoned Div for some air missions tomorrow at following coordinates: 289468 - 2 Flak wagons in shadow of house. 287448 - 3 105 How E of house. 294455 - 3 105 How. 275468 - 15 horses and Germans. 286476 - 4 MGS, 1 AT gun, and estimated 40 enemy in houses. 291471 - around BERCHIGRANGE concentration of troops with four kitchens.	
1825		24	Capt Newell, G-3 section, reports: 15th Inf 1st Bn 285632, 2nd Bn 3062, 3rd Bn 303629. 7th Inf 1st Bn 3061, 2nd Bn 295615, 3rd Bn one Km behind. 141 Inf 3rd Bn 260584, 1st Bn Co A had passed through Co K 442 Inf at 1600A, CP 276579	
1950		25	Capt Olsen, S-3 2nd Bn, called. Co E reports house at 268521 (AP 3177) has AP mines around it.	
1950		26	Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, Co L observed enemy mortar.	
1955		27	Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn, called: Co C reports hearing a tracked vehicle to front at about 1930A. Nothing further. Unable to locate.	
2115		28	Lt Orcutt, G-3, called. Believes he can fly mission air targets tomorrow depending on weather. Opns Instr of 221400A Oct 44 goes in effect at daylight morning 24 Oct.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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Date: 23 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT					
2125		29			Capt Olsen, S-3 2nd Bn, reports patrol # 3 departed 1900A and picked up OP in JESSARUPT. Patrolled town thoroughly and saw two people cross street (did not know whether French or German) then heard a vehicle pull out of town. Circled town complete and whole patrol remained there for outpost (17 men). Believe town is clear of Germans. Completed circuit of town at 2110A.	
2130		30			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, called. Section of 50 Cal MGs fired two belts on CHAMPDRAY. Enemy returned MG fire and Arty from Btrys previously located. Is trying to get counter-artillery fire on enemy Arty.	
2225		31			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports patrol # 1 of Co K departed 1900A. Went close to house at 249372 (AP 3025). Could hear voices and movement around house. Went to edge of REHAUPAL 243468 (AP 3025) and heard noises as if unloading of vehicles at 2015A. Returned and searched shed at 247472 and it was empty. Reached Co at 2115. Patrol # 2 Co K departed 1930A and went near house at 248467 (AP 3025), did not hear anything. Kept to right edge of woods to vicinity 253472. Heard a vehicle in REHAUPAL. Stayed there 15 to 20 mins then moved NW to 47 line and W to house at 248469. Heard nothing in house so returned at 2130A. Patrol departed from 248466 (AP 3025) and returned to 245468.	
2235		32			Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn, called. Patrol # 2 from Co B departed 2000A. Got lost and hit Co Cs outpost at 257482. So went down road about to 255478, found a trip wire and could hear Germans talking so returned at 2225A.	
2300		33			Gen Stack called for location of 132 FA, 155 FA, and 133 FA. Coordinates were given him.	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2320		34			Lt Fick, S-2 2nd Bn, called. Rcn patrol # 1 left at 2000A, returned 2310A. Report no activity.	
2350		35			2nd Bn called. Patrol # 2 from Co E left 1930A. Returned 2330A. Patrol crossed footbridge. Heard no activity. Then patrol got lost and returned.	
2350		36			OP in HERPELMONT from 1030A to 1105A reports receiving one shell every five minutes from one gun.	
2355		37			S-2 2nd Bn reports that contact patrol to 143 Inf at BEAUMENIL at 2300A returned. Stated that 143 Inf patrol did not appear after waiting 20 minutes. Patrol will go out again at 0300A as scheduled. Wants to know if there is any change in this plan.	

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UNIT REPORT

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Hq 142 RCT
CP ST JEAN
23 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION: No change.
2. OWN SITUATION:
 - a. RCT held defensive positions throughout the period.
3rd Bn 142 Inf with Co B 111 Engr, 36 Rcn Trp plus
Rcn Co 636 TD Bn and Regt I & R Plat attached, completed
the relief of 30th Inf at 230520A.
 - b. For troop locations and defensive positions see attached
overlay.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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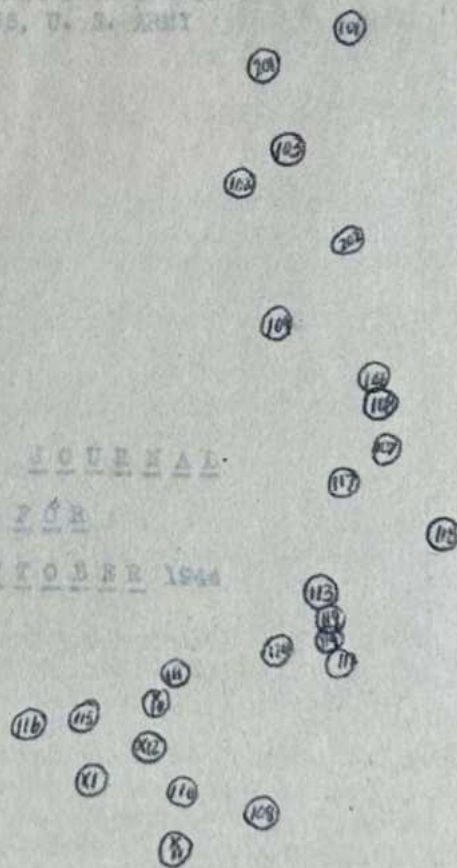
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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 242400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

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Date: 24 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0615	1			Capt Seeman, G-3 Div, given situation. Reported COs A and B 141 Inf at 320586 in contact.	
0830		2			Received FO # 2 dtd 240001 Oct 42 issued by Stack Force Hq.	
0845		3			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reported that patrol # 1 from Co B returned after patrol leader became lost and patrol had wandered around without contact.	
0925		4			French Ln 0 from forces right of LE FORGE reported to CP.	
	0930	5			Maj Clyburn notified 3rd Bn to have 36 Rcn Trp make contact with French at LA FORGE every four hours continuously.	
	1025	6			Maj Clyburn notified 1st Bn that a speaker for propaganda will be available and for them to choose positions for it.	
	1035	7			Lt Col Graham phoned 143 Inf. Co F 143 Inf moving to BIFFONTAINE, one Plat already in town. Enemy still holds LAVELINE.	
	1100	8			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify CO 3rd Bn by phone to hold 2nd Plat of Regt AT Co in its present position and attach them to Regt I & R Plat. AT Plat has two light 30 Cal and one 50 Cal MGs. I & R Plat, with AT Plat and one Plat of 636 TD Rcn Co attached, will relieve Co B 111th Engrs on position after dark tonight.	
1110		9			CO 1st Bn reports they have located a pigeon loft in vicinity of Co A CP coordinates V-249487.	
1110		10			Gen Hess and Col Matlock of Div Arty came to CP.	
1115		11			Col Sladen, Div G-3, came to CP. Left at 1118A	

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TO : 162400A Oct 1944
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 16 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1220		23			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reported that Co A, after mortar barrage, received a small counterattack which was repulsed. Enemy continues to shell Bn area.	
1240		24			Counterattack against Co A about fifteen Germans advancing on Co A position under their supporting mortar fire. Had machine pistols and hand grenades, were driven back. Point of attack 254479 (AP #3025).	
1245		25			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned: 45 Div quiet on whole front except harassing Arty. 79th Div repulsed an enemy counterattack. 100th Bn, 442 Inf Cos B and C attacking HILL 576 (V2458), Co A in reserve. 2nd Bn Co F 235578, Co G 225575; 3rd Bn 2157. Enemy roadblock 227578. 141 Inf tanks got to V274526 and are being held up. 143 Inf advance elements 1st Bn V236577, Co K in LAVAL. 3 tanks and 2 TDs in town. 30th Inf no change.	
	1300	26			Enemy activity reported to G-2, including shelling and counterattack report.	
1400		27			CO 1st Bn - ideas on driving Germans out of positions to Co As front: Two tanks could be used to advantage, although at great risk of having them knocked out. More mortar ammunition. Think they knocked out some German mortars with counter-mortar fire this morning.	
	1415	28			Col Lynch ordered Lt Crocker to take Regt I & R Plat and contact Bn CPs of 30th Inf to find out their exact locations. It is the General's future plans to take over 30th Inf sector within the next two or three days.	
	1440	29			Col Lynch left Regt CP for Div CP. On the way back he plans to stop at 3rd Bn CP.	
1515		30			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned the following: 143 Inf moving toward CHAMP LE DUC, at 1415 were at RJ 246552 going N into town. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 16 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		30	(Cont'd)		Some small arms, but no heavy resistance. Co K in LAVAL receiving some Arty. Co L moving up from reserve positions. 1st Bn no change. Patrol to the left of Co I. 45 Div: 3rd Bn received counter-attack following a 30 minute mortar preparation on HILL 523 (2460). 2nd Bn preparing to attack HILL 513 (2358). 1st Bn no change. 141 Inf Co A and B pulled back to reverse slope of hill at 267525, will attack road junction at 274526 at 1500A. 442 Inf: Hill 555 completely clear, 2nd Bn at 239576. Co C at 235579.	
1550		31			2nd Bn reports 12 Rds 150 Cal fell V252512, single gun firing from approximately 1100.	
1555		32			3rd Bn reports 15 Rds at V240460 at 1545A coming from E, no casualties. Also 20 Rds at 1540A at V245472 from E, fired in Btry, some casualties.	
1620		33			3rd Bn reports 20 Rds mortar in Co K area. Total casualties since occupying positions - 38, of which two were killed on patrol, rest by Arty.	
1625	1625	34			Counter-battery Officer notified of above.	
1628		35			Co C patrol left at 0800A to 256479 (AP 3025), observed enemy vicinity 257476. Received enemy fire and heavy mortar fire. Returned at 1610A	
1655		36			Capt Eisenberg, S-1 2nd Bn, reports Co patrol (E Co) returned about 1640A. Will phone details of results later.	
1615		37			Col Owens, Chief of Staff, visited Regt CP.	
1700		38			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1730		39			Co E patrol reports leaving at 1400A. MG at 265506 (AP), patrol proceeded to 267506 where they heard clogging noises, a few minutes later 3 AW and about 60 enemy came down trail and passed by. (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		39	(Cont'd)		One enemy Plat in column of 3's and the other two Plats in column of 2's. Enemy went into position at 267504. Patrol returned. 2nd Bn is going to shell enemy at 267504.	
1750		40			Lt Orcutt reports the following: 442 Inf Co B 230583; Co C 237578; Co E 238574; Co F 233572. 143 Inf Co C 234564; Co A 234560, and 234556; Co K 232555 and Plat at 232552; Co B 226554 reserve; Co L 246555. 141 Inf Co K 235548; Co L 238545; Co I 252539 and 257537; Co C 262534; Co. 179th Inf Co E 232585, Co F 235588; 1st Bn 227588-227594 on line. Co L 238602; Co K 242603. 180th Inf 3rd Bn 252615, Co F 237627, Co G 237620.	
	1750	41			Lt Crocker returned from 30th Inf. 3rd Bn of 30th Inf pulling back tonight to vicinity ELOYES. 1st Bn CP 236427. Cos A and B 245434 to 253415. Co C moving to relieve Co L and I tonight at 236427 to 245444. Regt roadblock at 245444 of AT Co guns and personnel. Raider patrol assemble at 238426 under command of 1st Bn. Regt CP ELOYES. 2nd Bn CP 231438. Left flank of Co F 244449. Co G in middle of Co E 250448. Bn AT Plat between TENDON - THOLY road and left flank of Co F.	
1830		42			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, called and reports that they are going to fire harassing fires at 269507, Btry of three rounds initially, then all night amounting to 64 rounds.	
1845		43			Capt Fore reports that the 2nd Bn requested harassing fires in area vicinity 269503 and S to 50 northing 35 to 40Rds.	
	1910	44			Capt Hunley called Capt Eisenberg, 2nd Bn in regard to wether they fired on the German position observed by Co E patrol. Was notified that fires will be thrown in that location, 200 Rds during the night.	

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TIME		S. NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
		44	(Cont'd)		Capt Eisenberg requested one Plat of Co F be given to 2nd Bn as reserve as they only now only have less than a Plat for Bn reserve. Capt Hunley talked with the Col regarding this. Was not granted, ordered 2nd Bn pull back the men that were sent down to right flank. These were to keep the Bn reserve intact. Also Capt Eisenberg reports that Co G 141 Inf had not as yet sent a contact patrol to our Co G.	
1920		45			2nd Bn reports that contact patrol from Co G 141 Inf had contacted Co G.	
1930		46			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, stated that Lt Burr, MG Lt, on left flank could observe houses that patrol reported sixty Germans to be near. Lt Burr directed about 100 Rds Arty into that vicinity. Also requested our own Cn fires. Not to fire S of the 50 northing between 2300A to 0200A and under no circumstances to fire west of road. Cn Co notified and Arty notified by 1st Bn.	
1930						
2115		47			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that strip of woods and house in vicinity 259477 can be observed clearly from 3rd Bn OP at 245468. Have observed up to 15 to 20 enemy moving in that area. Wants to know if 1st Bn wants 3rd Bn to place Arty on it.	
	2125	48			Capt Hunley called CO 1st Bn informing him of the above. Maj Minor stated that he had suspected the observed location to be an enemy CP and had placed Arty fire on it previously. However, he can not see the area clearly because of ridge line between the 1st Bn position and the observed enemy position. The following arrangements were made: As soon as the 3rd Bn Arty observer can see the area clearly in the morning the comm will be established by phone between 1st and 3rd Bns, the 3rd Bn observer will shell the area thoroughly being checked by 1st Bn observer. Lt Knox of 3rd Bn notified and will follow this plan.	

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IN	OUT					
2140		49			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports: Co K patrol left at 1600A, went to house at 251465. Went across road into wooded area and received heavy barrage of mortar fire, then returned.	
2215		50			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reports that the 141 Inf and 143 Inf are the same as before. 442 Inf received a strong counterattack at 1730A, lost no guards and killed lots of Germans.	
2345		51			3rd Bn reports that about ten rounds of mortar fell on Co K Plat at 2325A. In the front of Co L they received some bursts of machine pistol and some rifle grenade fire.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 16 Oct 1944

TIME		SPR TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2140		49		Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports: Co K patrol left at 1600A, went to house at 251465. Went across road into wooded area and received heavy barrage of mortar fire, then returned.	
2215		50		Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reports that the 141 Inf and 143 Inf are the same as before. 442 Inf received a strong counterattack at 1730A, lost no guards and killed lots of Germans.	
2345		51		3rd Bn reports that about ten rounds of mortar fell on Co K Plat at 2325A. In the front of Co L they received some bursts of machine pistol and some rifle grenade fire.	

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Hq 142 Inf
16 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy operations:

- (1) General: Enemy presented signs of aggressive action at close of period. Entire period a noticeable increase in mortar, SP, and Arty fire.
- (2) Infantry: Enemy dug in at V249459, V249469, V254475, V261483, and V267497; from behind rock wall at V254477 and from houses at V267515 fired on our patrols. Heavy mortar fire fell vicinity V245473 around 1130A without casualties. Another mortar barrage preceding a fifteen (15) man enemy attack on our "A" Co at 1150A caused some casualties. Attack was repulsed.
- (3) Artillery: Estimate thirty (30) rounds fell in Co L area vicinity V245465 at 1125A causing casualties. Enemy put down large concentration along our 1st Bn front, presumed to be defensive fires this morning.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None
 - (2) Identifications: None

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT remained in defensive position, patrolling aggressively to the front throughout the period. For patrolling results see Par. 1.c.(2).

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Capt., 142d Inf
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 17 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0615		1			Lt Mack, 2nd Bn: Have put about 200 rounds of Arty and 100 rounds of Cn fire in wooded area to front and on position Co E patrol saw Germans. Contact patrols OK. Co G patrol left 1000A returned 1240A, contacted German patrol. Will give full report when they can see map. Six rounds of Arty fell on Co G at 0610.	
	0800	2			Capt Hunley phoned 141 Inf. 141 Inf is relieving Cos A and B with Cos E and F.	
0910		3			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, called Capt Hunley: Request that some low altitude air photos be taken of area to Bns immediate front between REHAUPAL and CHAMPDRAY. Request also that photo interpreter indicate any positions discovered, especially self-propelled and mortar.	
0930		4			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, arrived at CP to confer with Col Lynch.	
0945		5			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, called. He is firing at 276492 to 276497. Nature of target is foot troops. Also firing called fire in front of Plat of Co A, believe target may be enemy mortars. Will draw 300 rounds of ammo today.	
1015		6			Capt Beasley, Ln 0 to Div, phoned following: 442 RCT Co A 2458, Co B 245576, Co C 236577, Co E 238576. Counterattack 0700 to 0900, no loss of ground. Main effort against Cos B and C. 179 Inf all quiet; Co G 232589, Co F 232591, objective 247596. 143 Inf Co C moved to 234568. Tanks moved to 227569 and still pushing. No resistance so far. Co I in main part of CHAMP LE DUC holding fast. Co K edge of LAVAL, Co L 239555, Co A 236558, Co B 223558, Co C 232562. 141 Inf at 1000A 2nd Bn to attack with two Cos to RJ V274526.	
	1055	7			Lt Col Gillette left Regt CP.	

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TIME		SER NO	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1100	8			Patrol instructions sent to Bns.	
1245		9			Capt Eisenberg, 2nd Bn, called Capt Hunley: We are changing Co E's positions around, to enable us to keep the required platoon in reserve. Will send changed defense overlay in as soon as completed.	
	1330	10			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1630		11			Capt Eisenberg, 2nd Bn, phoned and said Col Lynch is on his way to CP.	
1630		12			Capt Clem, 1st Bn S-3, called Capt Hunley. 16 man combat patrol left at 1400A, set up MGs at 266499, infiltrated 8 men across to patch of woods at 266500, proceeded to N end of woods on W side of road, remained there for period observing houses to N, saw no sign of enemy activity in vicinity, formed skirmish line of patrol and combed woods back to southern end. Patrol returned at 1545A.	
1640		13			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, called Capt Hunley. 30 rounds mortar and 8 rounds 105mm Arty fell on Co I area in last 20 minutes. 8 Rds Arty also fell between Cos K and L.	
1700		14			Lt Col Lundquist, 141 Inf, called Capt Hunley. 141 Inf is attacking with two Bns (less two Cos) morning 18 Oct (time to be announced) to seize nose at 271525 and RJ to east. Request a holding attack be staged by 142 Inf on left flank as a diversion.	
1715		15			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1750		16			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O: 141 Inf no change, no enemy activity. 143 Inf CHAMP DE LUC is clear. Others no change. 100th Bn no report. 442 Inf Co C attacked at 1545A, no report; Co G at 235573; rest no change. (Cont'd)	

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Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 17 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		16	(Cont'd)	179 Inf no change. French negative report. 79th Div attacked this morning, no advance.	
	1800	17		Col Lynch told of Lt Col Lundquist's information (Journal Entry # 14). Col Lynch agreed to have 2nd Bn fire Arty preparation to front and left flank at time specified by 141 Inf. Arty to be fired on known targets.	
	1810	18		Capt Hunley notified Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, of Col Lynch's instructions: 1st Bn ordered to relieve Co A with Co B tomorrow (night 18-19). Capt Selkirk reported Co B outpost at 265497 (AP 3175) had heard activity in woods to the front, dispatched patrol to investigate. Patrol reported up to 20 Germans digging in and a German tank at house on the road. Mortar fire to be placed on woods and Arty fire on tank. Thinks that CO will follow up mortar preparation with infantry attack. Above information given to Col Lynch who instructed CO 1st Bn not to try infantry attack in the dark. CO 1st Bn stated he would mop up the woods in the morning but shell the area tonight	
	1820	19		CO 2nd Bn instructed to relieve Co E with Co F tomorrow (night 18-19). CO Co F notified.	
	1840	20		Capt Hunley called CO 2nd Bn. 141 Inf to make an attack tomorrow on left of 2nd Bn. They have requested that we put on a demonstration in our area. CO 142 Inf wants CO 2nd Bn to prepare fire data for a light Arty concentration on known enemy targets to 2nd Bn's front. Time of 141 Inf attack will be announced later.	
1855		21		Time of Arty preparation for 2nd Bn to be 0550-0600 to coordinate with 141 Inf attack. CO 142 Inf said to allot 200 rds Arty and 150 rds Cn, 2nd Bn and Cn CO's notified.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR SG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1910		22			At 1430 Co L patrol fired a Btry preparation at 250464 N and E to include house to be raided (AP 3035). 2nd Plat of Co L placed one squad in position at 249466 as base of fire, balance of Plat then moved around to 248462, thence to 25 easting, N on the road to 249464. There they were fired on by MG, mortars, and Arty. Plat Ldr and one squad leader wounded. Because of this patrol withdrew to original positions. In the meantime base of fire squad had moved up close to the house, fired on the Germans killing 4. In the meantime a German patrol evidently came in and hit Co L's positions, one German killed and two were observed getting away, this caused base of fire squad to withdraw also thinking they were being cut off. Night patrol # 10 to be from Co L, patrol # 9 to be from Co I Plat left on position, other two not to go out due to movement in area tonight of relieving units. Co I is being relieved by Co K (one Co I Plat remaining in position until tomorrow) This information from Maj Young.	
k925		23			2nd Bn called asking permission to have Co F relieve Co E tomorrow afternoon instead of tomorrow night. Col Lynch OK'd this request, but relief must be made by platoons.	
1930		24			Lt Col Merrill, Div Gas Co, would like Regt Comdrs reaction on his proposed placing of smoke pots or smoke generators SE of LAVALINE. Some of our Regt personnel would probably be required. Col Lynch was consulted regarding this. He stated that he willingly would like to try smoke pots, but felt that smoke generators would be to vulnerable. Lt Col Merrill advised of this. He gave the opinion that he could place four smoke generators in the valley in positions that could not be observed. Will consult Col Lynch when he finds out what he can get.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 17 Oct 1944

TIME		SEC	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1954	25			Capt Hunley called S-3 141 Inf and synchronized watches for tomorrow's show.	
	1954	26			Capt Hunley called 2nd Bn S-3 and synchronized watches for tomorrow's show.	
2015		27			Lt Col Kilbourn, CO 2nd Bn: Combat patrol from Co E left at 1400A returned at 1945A. Observed four enemy at 263503 (AP 3175) and again three enemy at same place later, proceeded on to NE to vicinity 267506, sent four men to house 266505; these men observed three Germans near house, one with telephone. Patrol returned over approximately same route because it was getting late.	
2125		28			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, called and asked for suggestions on combat patrols for tomorrow. Wants Maj Clyburn to call him in the morning.	
2130		29			Div called and reports enemy guns in following positions. (Report received via SSS). All guns 105mm - time as of 0900A: 1 gun V255466, 2 guns V258461, 2 guns V260459, 2 guns V256463, 1 gun V267460, 2 guns V294447.	
2140		30			Lt Fick, S-2 2nd Bn, called. Patrol # 1 from Co G followed prescribed route to a point just outside JUSSARUPT 267513 (AP 3175). Could see nothing but heard some small arms fire from behind the 2nd building. This small arms fire was not directed at them. Patrol followed rest of route and didn't see or hear anything else. Left Co G area at 1800A and returned at 2130A.	
	2145	31			Lt Col Graham reported gun positions to Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, as reported by G-2 Div at 2130A.	
2320		32			Maj Middleton, Exec O 2nd Bn, reports patrol # 2 and # 3 made prescribed routes as near as possible in the dark and did not hear or see a thing. # 2 left at 2000A returned at 2230A. # 3 left at 2000A returned at 2300A.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 17 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2400		33		<p>Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports # 4 patrol from Co A got to road at 256483 (AP 3024) and were fired on by enemy across road, patrol withdrew and tried twice to cross road south of this point, were fired on both times. Patrol estimates one enemy MG and 15 riflemen in this area. Patrol departed at 2100A, returned at 2350A.</p> <p>Patrol # 6 from Co C (2nd patrol tonight) departed at 2100 and reached first road junction 266489 (AP 3173) and were fired on by evidently one rifleman. Patrol withdrew to Co, returning at 2350A.</p> <p>Patrol # 5 departed at 200A and made entire route with no contact. Returned at 2355A.</p>	

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SECOND INFANTRY

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Hq 142 Inf
CP ST JEAN
17 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: The enemy remained defensive using his Arty extensively.
 - (2) Infantry: Our patrols met with enemy small arms, MG, and mortar fire at V250454, V249473, V254478, and V268488. No aggressive enemy action during period.
 - (3) Artillery: Heavy artillery concentration fell at V247482 at 0900A estimated to be 105 Cal. Single gun, estimated 105 Cal, fired at short intervals during morning vicinity V252504 and firing continued at close of period. Numerous other small concentrations reported.
 - (4) Armor: Self-propelled fire received by 1st Bn from general area GS 2847 intermittently throughout period.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None.

2. OWN SITUATION: No change.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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TO: 182400A Oct 1944
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Organization: 148 Inf
Place: 18 Oct 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

TIME	REF	ACT	DESCRIPTION
0020	1		Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports roadblock reported our patrol & 3 to be in fire fight in their front.
0025	2		Capt Selkirk reports CP 1- being shelled by 103mm.
0235	3		Maj Wensley reports that all baggage is in.
0530	4		G-2 given situation.
0740	5		Lt Col Graham left for 2nd Bn CP.
0910	6		Div reports 4th ROT attacks this morning at 1800A. 3 Bns abreast to take objectives in grid squares 2457, 2458, 2459. Regt boundary 238000. Range 143 to 145. Co H at 143875. 143 Inf attack in 2 Bns, one up LAVAL - BRUYERES road, other up LE VUD - BRUYERES road. 143 Inf to 2457 at 0910.
0945	7		Maj Minor, 50 1st Bn, called Capt Minor, 1st Bn, and army falling on Co A front, started when patrol of 11 men worked out baggage in road. Patrol now in fire fight with them. Co B patrol (first of MG section) on way. Will meet 300 patrol, that is feeling out German positions now.
0932	8		Maj Minor, 50 1st Bn, reports 11 men raiding party from Co A returned, 3 casualties, evacuated them back to our lines OK.
0940	9		Lt Col Graham returns to CP.
1025	10		Capt Wensley told G-2 details of wounded Frenchman. He was been evacuated through medical channels.
1130	11		Capt Wensley left for 1st Bn to check on positions, overhead cover, fields of fire.
1020	12		Capt Wensley reports 143 Inf Cos D and E vicinity 143875. 143 Inf Cos D and E vicinity 143875. 143 Inf Cos D and E vicinity 143875.

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 18 Oct 1944

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
0020		1			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports roadblock reported our patrol # 3 to be in fire fight to their front.	
0025		2			Capt Selkirk reports OP is being shelled by 105mm.	
0255		3			Maj Hensley reports that all baggage is in.	
	0530	4			G-2 given situation.	
	0740	5			Lt Col Graham left for 2nd Bn CP.	
0815		6			Div reports 442 RCT attacks this morning at 1000A, 3 Bns abreast to take objectives in grid square 2457, 2458. LD 234 Easting. Regt boundary 233564 tangent to railroad curve to RJ at 245573. 143 Inf attacks with 2 Bns, one up LAVAL - BRUYERES road, other up CHAMP LE DUC - BRUYERES road. 179 Inf attacks HILL 524 vic 2459 at 0930A.	
0845		7			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, called Capt Hunley: Mortar, SP and Arty falling on Co A front, started when combat patrol of 11 men worked out hedgerow to road. Patrol now in fire fight out there. Co B patrol (Plat of MG section) on way. Will meet Rcn patrol that is feeling out German positions now.	
0935		8			Maj Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports 11 man raiding party from Co A returned, 3 casualties, evacuated them back to our lines OK.	
0940		9			Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	
	1025	10			Capt Hunley told G-2 details of wounded Frenchman. He was been evacuated through medical channels.	
	1030	11			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn to check on positions, overhead cover, fields of fire.	
1030		12			Capt Beasley phoned. 141 Inf Cos L and K vicinity 268527, receiving mortar fire. Countering enemy fire with 4.2 mortars.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 18 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1320		13		Capt Hunley returned from 1st Bn CP.	
	1330	14		Col Lynch left Regt CP for 3rd Bn CP.	
1420		15		Capt Clem called Capt Hunley: One German MG and 5 or 6 rifles opened up on Co B outpost from strip of woods previously found clear by Co B patrol. Have fired 24 rounds Arty right on them, now sending patrol down.	
1500		16		Maj Young, 3rd Bn, reports Cos K and I completely switched and in new positions.	
1520		17		Div reports: 442 RCT 1st Bn Cos B and C on obj at 240582, Co in reserve A. Co F held up at 239575; Co G 200 Yds right rear. 3rd Bn in assault on 238572, objective 244575. 143 Inf 1st Bn Co A leading reached RR tracks at 243567; 3rd Bn Co I just N of CHAMP LE DUC; Co L on left, Plat of Co K on Co L's left. 141 Inf 3rd Bn reached 270528; Co L leading; Co K behind. 2nd Bn to left rear of 3rd Bn on nose.	
	1555	18		Capt McSwain called 3rd Bn. CO 142 Inf had left 3rd Bn at 1550A.	
1435		19		Co C combat patrol (reinforced squad) left at 1100A, worked down hedgerow along road toward Co A's outpost. Had gone about 250 yds along hedgerow when two German outposts showed themselves along road. Patrol killed outposts and proceeded. Had not advanced much further when a machine gun fired on them from strip of woods on left. MG gunner killed by our rifle fire. 10 to 12 Germans broke and ran into small house in clump of trees and were fired on by patrol with good effect. Patrol by this time was receiving fire from several points to front and flank so withdrew after locating two more MG positions. Returned at 1615A.	

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IN	OUT					
1710		20			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn, reports Co F has completed relief of Co E. Co F has contact with units on both flanks.	
1830		21			Capt Selkirk reports that Co B has completed relief of Co A. Co B patrol that went down to investigate the MG and riflemen that had fired on Co B outpost found that enemy had withdrawn.	
	1840	22			Maj from 141 Inf was notified that patrol out of Co G would pass through strip of woods on their right flank today to JUSSARUPT at about 1900A	
1930		23			Col Lynch returned to CP after conferring with the Div CG at Div. CP.	
2030		24			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn S-3: Co K raiding party left at 1830A, reported to be in fire fight vicinity 247470 (AP 3025), small arms and hand grenades. Shell report: 0700A 8 Rds med Arty Co K area. 0845A 33 Rds mortar Co K area. 0845A 3 Rds Hvy Arty Co K front. 1000A 8 Rds mortar Co K front. 1300A 10 to 12 Rds Med Arty at 239457. 2010A 10-15 Rds mortar at 237456. 1700A 20 Rds mortar at 239448. Also scattered Arty, mortar and scattered Arty falling in Co K sector and along 1st Bn roadblock.	
2100		25			2nd Bn brought two Frenchmen to CP and they were later turned over to Div. Picked up vicinity LE ROUGE coord V244496.	
2210		26			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn reports: Co K patrol (combat) left at 1830A. Mission to search and clean out house 249470. Moved to within 50 Yds of house and were challenged by enemy near house. Fire fight then started. MG fired from SW corner of house and one from edge of woods 248473. Small arms fire from 249472. Rifle grenades from same area (5 or 6). Six rounds mortar fell to patrol's (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
 Place: CP ST JEAN
 Date: 18 Oct 1944

TIME		SER N.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
		26	(Cont'd)		left approximately 50 Yds away. Patrol returned fire with rifle grenades and MG at house ceased firing. Estimate 2 MGs, 2 machine pistols, 5 rifles grenadiers and 4 or 5 riflemen in vicinity. Believe mortar fire came from rear of house. Patrol could not get any closer to house so withdrew, no casualties. Returned at 2145A. Another Co K patrol left at 1830A. Mission to clear house 248468. Patrol went to house and checked it, found nothing, returned at 2130A. Since 2130A to 2145A approximately 26 rounds of m mortar fell in Co I area. No casualties. Co K reported harassing mortar and artillery fire in left sector.	
2225		27			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, phoned and states 2nd Bn asking to fire at V267514, V269509, V269506, V269500 as all of their patrols have returned and enemy is reported in these areas.	
2120		27			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reported to CP with Opns Instructions as of 182000A Oct 1944.	

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UNIT REPORT
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FROM: 171200A Oct. 1944
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Hq 142 Inf
ST JEAN
18 Oct. '44

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy operations:

- (1) General: The enemy continued defensive operations with mortar and artillery defensive fires and some patrol activity.
- (2) Infantry: At 1800A estimated twenty (20) enemy observed occupying and organizing position vicinity V266496. This area was shelled heavily by our artillery. Patrol to this vicinity reported enemy still present at 0045A. Later patrols reported enemy withdrawn. Our patrols fired on by MG and SA at V256482 and V269489. Numerous scattered mortar concentrations throughout period.
- (3) Artillery: Enemy artillery less active during period with only scattered rounds being reported vicinity V2446.
- (4) Armor: SP fired from vicinity V273513 into area at V262514.

d. Miscellaneous:

- (1) PWs during period: None. In FRANCE to date: 3456

2. OWN SITUATION: No change.

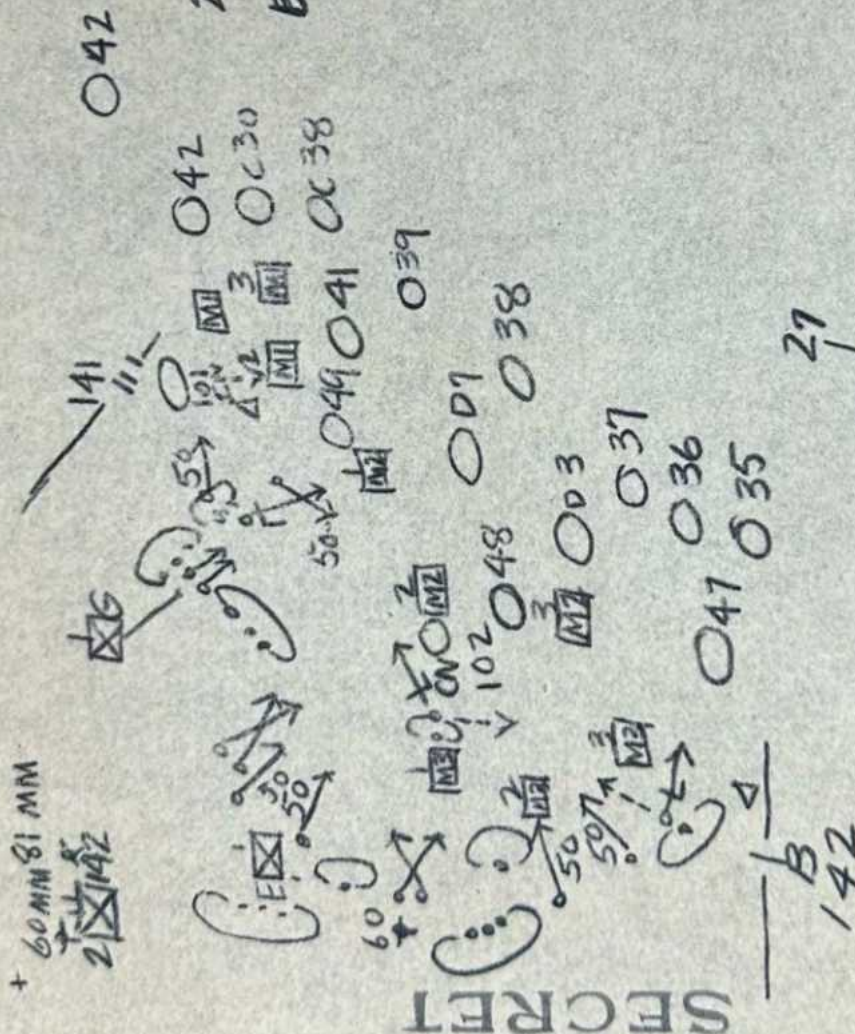
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TO: 192400A Oct 1944
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 19 Oct '1944

TIME	OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0035		1			Co C patrol left at 0800A and returned at 2225A. Patrol made no contact with enemy. Observed enemy mortar flash vicinity 258475 (AP 3067), observed at 600 Yds.	
0530		2			Capt McSwain gave situation to G-2.	
0810		3			Col Graham left for PLOMBIERES. Returned at 1125A.	
1150		4			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that Co K has just had two men wounded at 247473 (AP 3025) by rifle fire from house at 248473. Co K Plat receiving Arty fire at 245468.	
1225		5			Capt. Beasley, Div Ln O, reports town of BRUYERES clear as of 1210A. Advance elements of 143 Inf at V254559. 141 Inf reports enemy withdrawing to their front. French II Corps reports enemy resistance very light. Gen Truscott, CG VI Corps, stated this morning at his 0800A conference that he believes enemy feeling his losses is withdrawing to a line farther back.	
1310		6			Capt Beasley reports: 180th Inf Co A 235597, Co B 237589, Co C 239599, Co E 238596, Co L 235601, Co F 238593, Co G 239595, Co I 240600, Co K 241602. Attacking at 1100A. Noreport. No change 179th and 157th Inf. 442 RCT attacking objective "D"; 2nd Bn 256578, 3rd Bn 252573, 1st Bn no change. 143 Inf patrolling to front; 1st Bn in BRUYERES, 3rd Bn 254459, 2nd Bn at FAU COMPIERE. 141 Inf moving toward RJ V273526, resistance very light. 2nd Bn 269523, 3rd Bn 271526. 30th Inf no change.	
1325		7			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports Co A patrol (combat) was fired on from front and rear, 1 casualty. Pulling back to take up position vicinity 266499 and wait for someone to try and cross. Co C patrol just left.	

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142 Inf

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1330		8			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports Bn OP observed four enemy leaving house at 248468 and going toward edge of woods at 248470 (AP 3025). Combat patrol to make raid on house at 250465 at dark tonight.	
1415		9			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, called. Has already given instructions for patrols that are almost the same as Maj Clyburn is sending on overlay. A squad combat patrol being sent to raid house at 247456 (AP 3025).	
	1435	10			Capt Hunley left for 3rd Bn.	
1530		11			Maj Minor reports Co C combat patrol from Co C positions across to woods at 257484 S of circle of woods. Patrol encountered heavy enemy fire and had to call for mortar support to get out. Patrol now returning. Co A patrol to head of clearing and houses at 266504 was fired on from woods to E and rear. Having trouble getting out. Complete reports later.	
1635		12			Div reports 141 Inf 2nd and 3rd Bns reports woods in their sector clear of enemy, but houses at V272523 occupied by the enemy. Placing Arty fire on them (AP 1545). 442 RCT held up at base of hill vicinity 261572 as of 1415A.	
1650		13			Capt Seeman, G-3 office, called. 3rd Div reports that one of our 2 1/2 T trucks apparently is lost, got out in front of our positions at 245445 and drew considerable fire on 3rd Div positions. 3rd Div asks that we establish a block along 24 E grid.	
1655		14			Capt Hunley returned.	
1730		15			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, brought Opns Instr for 191500A Oct 1944	
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1745		16		3rd Bn reports Co I patrol went to house 247456, left 1400A returned 1630A. Examined houses and found no enemy. Prepared positions vic house unoccupied. Woods S of house clear. Left 4 men in house for the night. (AP 3025)	
1815		17		Div reports: 442 RCT 3rd Bn Co I 256568, Co K 256570, Co L 248568; 2nd Bn held up at base of hill 261572; Cos B and C 2458 moving N on road BROUVILLIER 45 Div 3rd Bn 157 Inf 243593, 2nd Bn 179 Inf 242595, 3rd Bn 180 Inf 229610 (Regt reserve).	
2025		18		Col Sladen called and informed Maj Clyburn that Co D 3rd Cml Wpns Bn will not be attached to us.	
2100		19		1st Bn OP reports MT in REHAUPAL - firing Arty on it and will continue if MT continues to move it.	
2200		20		Capt Beasley reports Co I 141 Inf to be pulled. Our boundary to 143 Inf. FILLER FORCE to 262472. Ren unit to 2658. 3rd Bn 442 Inf at 264566.	
2205		21		Capt Clark, CO Co A 753 Tk Bn, reported to CP for instructions. Gave information of strength, location and status of equipment. Will report back 20 Oct in morning. Can reach him by phone through 141 Inf calling SAVAGE ABLE.	
2330		22		Capt Hunley returned from 141 Inf after making arrangements with CO 141 Inf for details of attachment of 141 Inf 2nd Bn to 142 Inf. Discussed situation, secured necessary information for Regt CO's orders after attachment of that unit.	
2345		23		Capt Hunley talked by phone to Capt Young S-3 2nd Bn 141 Inf. Requested overlay of positions being organized. .50 Cal MGs are on pos. AT guns of 141 Inf may be pulled out by CO 141 Inf, and if so, will need replacing to main RBs with 142 guns. Radio frequency 300 radio on channel 5. Inf that officer contact 3d Cml Bn was to report to 3rd Div CP with-out delay. 2nd Bn 141 Inf will notify.	

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Hq 142 Inf
CP ST JEAN
19 Oct '44

1. ENEMY SITUATION: No change.

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. RCT held defensive positions and patrolled aggressively to the front. Co's K and I completed the exchange of defensive positions at 181500A. Co F relieved Co E on position at 181710A. Co E now Regt reserve vicinity LEROUGE coordinates V245497. Co B relieved Co A on position at 181830A.

b. For locations of new defensive positions see overlay.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142 Inf.
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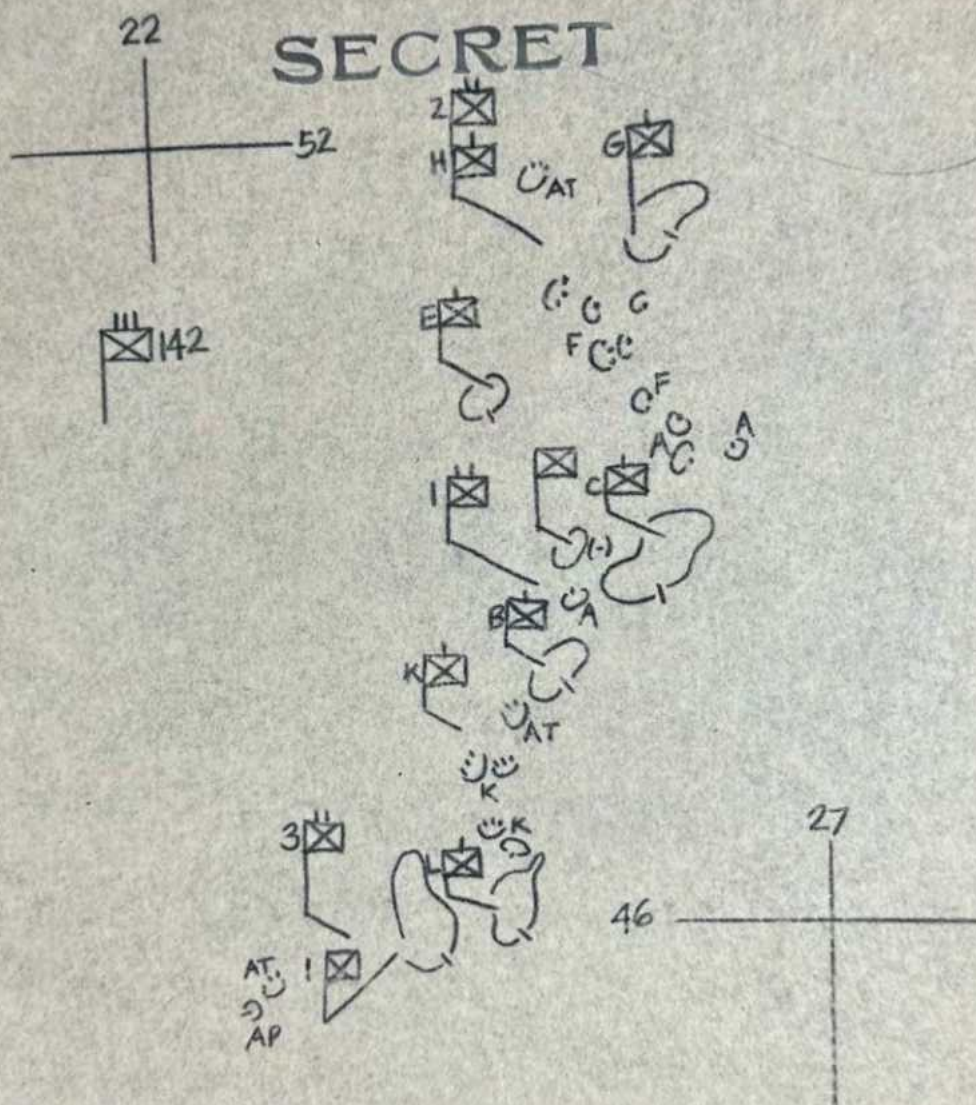
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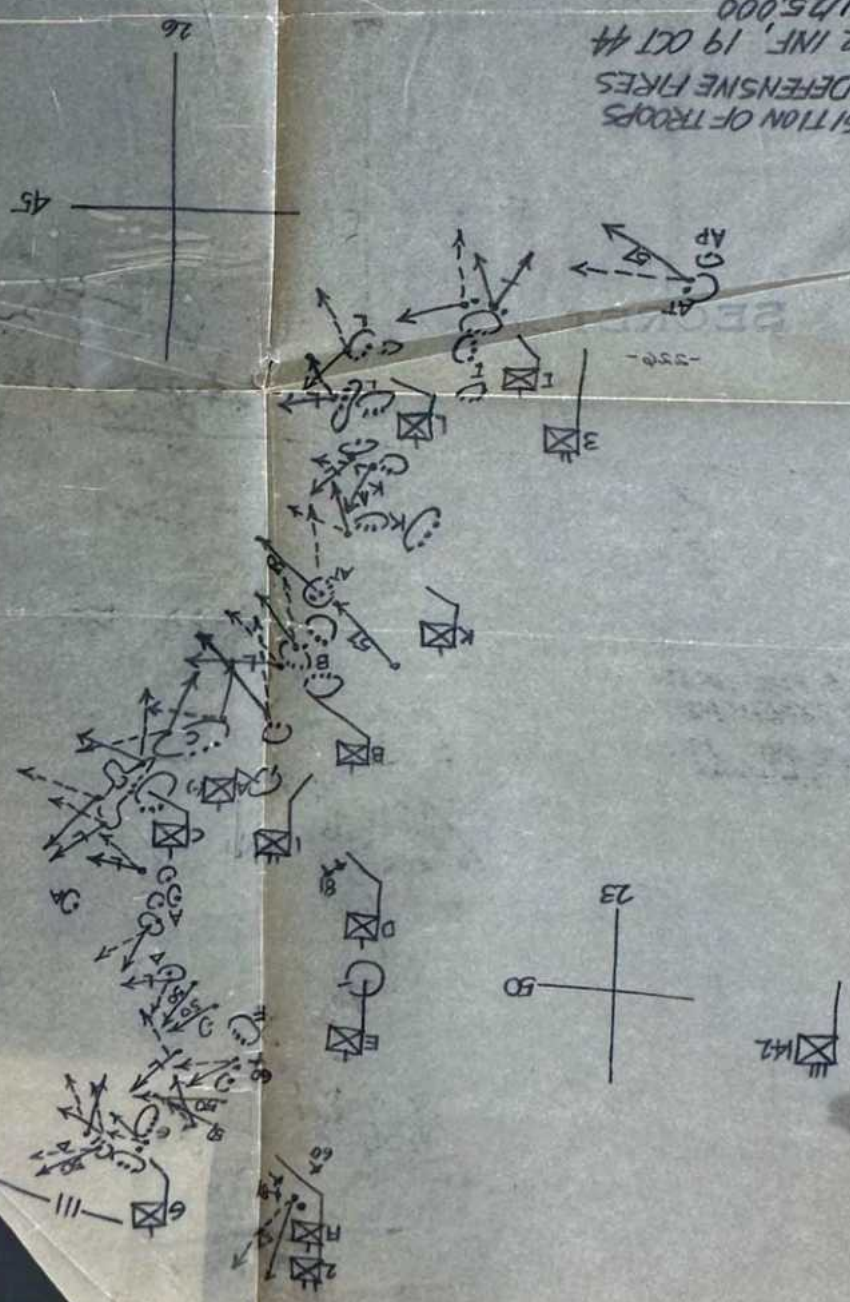
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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

On 20 October 1944, at 0010h without resistance.

End on 24h, inf reports receiving the round only every five minutes vicinity HERFELMONT. All night except 0010h, they received two rifle shots and are shaking.

End on 14h, inf reports that their 2nd Reg patrol left at 1400h and returned at 1430h. Went to house at 24500 (245105), got behind tank where they heard coughing and sneezing. Patrol was not fired on so they withdrew and returned to area. Going to shell house with mortar and arty in about 1430h. From 24500 to 24517.

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At 1430h, that contact patrol from 24500 to 24517.

End on 24h, inf reports that a patrol 24500 received no fire from 24517 during 2 hours of watch. Rifle, machine pistol, and rifle grenade fire along arty at 24517. End on 24h, inf reports that a patrol 24500, withdrew and received no fire from 24517. Went to left and fire continued. Withdrawn at 0010h. On 1 patrol left at 0010h, went through the light tank. Went east, returned, moved over, went over road, reached 24517 vicinity 24517.

Let on 24h, all quiet during night.

Let on 24h, inf reports that 24500, 24517, 24518, 24519, 24520, 24521, 24522, 24523, 24524, 24525, 24526, 24527, 24528, 24529, 24530, 24531, 24532, 24533, 24534, 24535, 24536, 24537, 24538, 24539, 24540, 24541, 24542, 24543, 24544, 24545, 24546, 24547, 24548, 24549, 24550, 24551, 24552, 24553, 24554, 24555, 24556, 24557, 24558, 24559, 24560, 24561, 24562, 24563, 24564, 24565, 24566, 24567, 24568, 24569, 24570, 24571, 24572, 24573, 24574, 24575, 24576, 24577, 24578, 24579, 24580, 24581, 24582, 24583, 24584, 24585, 24586, 24587, 24588, 24589, 24590, 24591, 24592, 24593, 24594, 24595, 24596, 24597, 24598, 24599, 24600, 24601, 24602, 24603, 24604, 24605, 24606, 24607, 24608, 24609, 24610, 24611, 24612, 24613, 24614, 24615, 24616, 24617, 24618, 24619, 24620, 24621, 24622, 24623, 24624, 24625, 24626, 24627, 24628, 24629, 24630, 24631, 24632, 24633, 24634, 24635, 24636, 24637, 24638, 24639, 24640, 24641, 24642, 24643, 24644, 24645, 24646, 24647, 24648, 24649, 24650, 24651, 24652, 24653, 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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 20 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT					
0025		1			Co B patrol contacted Co K at 0010A without resistance.	
0500		2			2nd Bn 141 Inf reports receiving one round Arty every five minutes vicinity HERPELMONT. All quiet except Co F, they received two rifle shots and are checking.	
0500		3			2nd Bn 142 Inf reports that their 2nd Rcn patrol left at 2400A and returned at 0430. Went to houses at 266506 (AP 3175), got behind them where they heard coughing and sneezing. Patrol was not fired on so they withdrew and returned to area. Going to shell houses with mortar and Arty in about fifteen minutes - area from 266506 to 269517. 2nd Bn received harassing fire throughout the night in the draw where the CP is, also to the left of them along the road.	
0510		4			Lt Hale, 1st Bn, reports that contact patrol from 1st Bn contacted 3rd Bn.	
0635		5			3rd Bn reports: Co K patrol 248473 received MG fire from 247472 firing W just S of woods. Rifle, machine pistol, and rifle grenade fire also. Arty at 247471. Ran into wire W of road at 247472, withdrew and received MG fire from W of house at 249473 firing down road. Kept to left and fire continued. Returned at 0030A. Co I patrol left at 2230A, went through Co L, got lost. Went east, returned, started over, went over return route, reached point vicinity 253470.	
0645		6			1st Bn reports all quiet during night.	
0820		7			1st Bn reports two Frenchmen from CHAMPDRAY came to our lines at 0300A. Were kept until daylight and were they brought through our line. They stated that the Germans were taking all livestock and ordered all men to go to Germany for labor. Church steeple in CHAMPDRAY a strong (Cont'd)	

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		7	(Cont'd)	point. Enemy brings hot chow to houses at 273494 (AP 3067) each night at 2000A. Arty that was located vicinity CHAMPDRAY now pulled back to GRANGES. Arty Ln O with 1st Bn is adjusting fire on church	
0845		8		Maj Puck, Div Hq, called and stated that he had to take his MPs off road at ST JEAN and FAUCOMPIERE at 1030A today for use to the north. Lt Col Graham ordered Lt Peters to take over these posts in our Regt area at that time.	
0900		9		Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned: 442 RCT 100 Bn going to attack HILL "C" (250585) sometime this morning. 45 Div no change. Attacking river line between BRUYERES and BROUVILLERES this morning. 141 Inf 3rd Bn closing in area vicinity LEPANGES. FILBER FORCE assembled vicinity BRUYERES.	
	0950	10		col Lynch told Capt Hunley to instruct CO AT Co to relieve 141 Inf roadblock at 261529 tonight after dark. AT mine Plat to furnish protection with MGS. 2nd Bn 141 Inf roadblock at 261529 to remain. Capt Scott, CO AT Co, notified at 1130A.	
0955		11		Gen Stack arrived at CP.	
1000		12		Capt Clark, CO Co A 753 Tk Bn (atchd), came to CP. Was given our situation and arrangements were made with our Regt S-4 for supplies and with Regt Ass't Comm O for communications.	
	1050	12		Capt Hunley phoned 3rd Div and was given the following locations of 30th Inf: Co A 243427, Co B 243420, Co C 241438, Co E 250449, Co F 244449, Co G 248449. 3rd Bn in reserve vicinity 227438.	
	1120	14		Gen Stack left CP.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP ST JEAN
Date: 24 Oct 1944

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IN	OUT					
1120			12		CO 3rd Bn reports 36 Rcn Trps observed enemy estimated to be 30 men strong setting up pup tents vicinity 263434. Directing Arty fire on them.	
	1130		13		Maj Clyburn notified Bns that 141 Inf had encountered a small group of FFI to their front that were armed and attempted to fight Americans. 141 Inf checked with Div and were notified that all FFI between here and Germany had been ordered to disband and that if any were encountered to disarm them or fight them.	
	1135		14		Gen Hess and Col Matlock left Regt CP.	
1245			15		Div reports following at 1210A: 442 RCTCP BELMONT. Relief of 100 and 3rd Bn under way. 2nd Bn completely relieved. 1230A 30th Inf 3rd Bn 295614 objective 313674. 7th Inf 1st Bn 315627, 2nd Bn 308625, 3rd Bn 318615. 15th Inf Cos C and A 290635, Co B 290634, Co E 290636, Co F 292634, Co I 300626, Co K 300628, Co L 300627. 141 Inf CP 316595, Co I 316599. Enemy strong point at 318601 believed to be a roadblock. 143 Inf Co F in BIFFONTAINE, will contact 142 Inf at 2300A and 0300A point V269549.	
	1300		16		Lt Col Graham left for 3rd Bn CP.	
1315			17		Capt Scott, GO AT Co, phoned and states he has made all arrangements with CO 3rd Bn and Lt Crocker on attachment of 2nd AT Co to Regt I & R Plat.	
1320			18		French Ln 0 came to CP asking that we set up a mixed post at 244415. Maj Clyburn notified 3rd Bn to have 36 Rcn Trp send a permanent patrol with NCO in charge to this spot. It is believed the enemy is testing between units as to how strong we have the sector defended.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE ON MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1345		19			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports he is sending an overlay of wire installations to this Hq. Estimates 500 to 600 Yds now in. Putting in wire to tie in with units on left and right. Have laid a few booby traps. Will give exact locations later.	
1350		20			3rd Bn reports following locations Engrs Co B 1 Sqd 246452 Sec MG firing NE and SE, one Plat 247444 to 246447, 2 Sqds 244448 50 Cal MG firing SE across road. Map 1:25,000 36 Rcn Trp - Plat 244443 to 243438 defending to E, outpost 252434, 256433 and 254427, Plat 248426 S to 248421 sec MG firing E, Plat 240428, CP 234432.	
1405		21			Capt Newell, G-3 Sec, came to CP.	
	1425	22			Col Lynch left for 143 Inf CP to check on relief of our Bns.	
1430		23			Opns Instr 241200A Hq 142 Inf delivered via Msg Gen.	
1515		24			French Ln O of 2nd Spahis Regt came to CP.	
1530		25			Assistant G-2, Seventh Army, with Lt from Psychological Warfare Branch, came to CP to arrange for broadcasts to Germans by public address system. Truck to be installed in 1st Bn area tonight. First address to be made tomorrow.	
1545		26			Lt from CIC arranged with Maj Clyburn to pass two Frenchmen through lines in Co C area tonight. To go through at about 0400A in the morning. Will be accompanied by an American to the position.	
1615		27			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, reports: 1/15 2964, 2/15 295625, 3/15 300630, 1/30 297610, 3/30 285625, 1/7 318618, 2/7 308625, 3/7 308615. 141 Inf L 305600, K 310595, I 316596, C 332586, B 334582, A 324584. (Cont'd)	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR REG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		27	(Cont'd)		442 RCT pulling out of lines but Ccs A, B, C, 300570. 143 Inf has not as yet taken over entire sector, BIFFONTAINE - BEAUMENIL, Co F 287558, Co E 2855, Co G 2755.	
1830		28			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, instructed to turn in a report of 57mm HE ammo in the Regt and how it is distr.	
	1835	29			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, instructed to make reconnaissance for possible use of Flak Wagons in right sector of 3rd Bn. Will report in morning.	
	1840	30			All Bns instructed to have 6 mortars in position and registered. 1st Bn reports 4 in position, will put additional 2 in tomorrow. 3rd Bn reports 4 in position with 2 at school. 2nd Bn reports 5 in position, will put other one in tomorrow.	
	1845	31			Capt Scott, CO AT Co, gives following ammo report: AT Co 1st Plat 10 Rds per gun, 2nd Plat 15 Rds per gun, 3rd Plat 12 Rds per gun. 1st Bn 24 Rds per gun, 2nd Bn report in morning, 3rd Bn 4 Rds per gun.	
1830		32			Lt Col Gillette, CO 3rd Bn, reports that house at 246437 in which were seen 14 Germans was seen to have been set afire by mortar fire. Five Germans seen leaving house. Two patrols had been sent out to surround house, one has one PW and think other patrol has some others. Report later.	
1845		33			Capt Beasley, Div Ln C, reports no change in situation.	
1850		34			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports that squad patrol sent to white house at 268497 got to road and saw Germans digging in in edge of woods. Opened fire on them. Will send same squad out tonight as raiding party and try to get some PWs.	

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IN	OUT					
	1925	35			Maj Clyburn called Col Frazier and asked as to what time you are going to clear out in the morning. Also Col Lynch would like for you to send the Arty party up tomorrow morning. He plans on leaving XAMONTARUPT in time to clear HOUX by 0630A (daylite) Also going to sent the Arty FO up to the Bns in the morning.	
1930		36			Capt Olsen, 2nd Bn, reports that they have captured 11 PWs today.	
	1950	37			Maj Clyburn called Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, to send their S-3 to TENDON in the morning to set up a bivouac area and also a training area for a rifle range etc.	
2020		37			2nd Bn patrol reports patrol # 5 left at 1800A and returned at 2115A. Nothing to report except for some MG fire to their S and also a flare went up over in the next valley. That is S of them. Lt Knox reports that Combat Patrol of 3rd Bn went to house at 248447. This house was occupied by enemy, now occupied by four or five Germans. The patrol threw hand grenades and also fired upon house. Germans ran out. The patrol will occupy house until Lt Crocker takes over. Also reports that at 2010 Lt Kennedy started his relief.	
2305		38			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports that the relief is complete as of 2300A - by Lt Crocker.	

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CP ST JEAN
241200A Oct '44

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

Map: FRANCE 1:25,000, Sheet XXXV 17 and 18, XXXVI 17 and 18

1. STACK Force continues to hold enemy E of line (BIFFONTAINE - LAVELINE DEVANT BRUYERS - JUSSARUPT - REHAUPAL - LA FORGE) maintaining contact with II French Corps on right, 442 RCT on left, and protecting right flank of Div.
2. 143 RCT will organize and defend line BIFFONTAINE - BEAUMENIL with 2nd Bn and relieve 2nd Bn 142 Inf with 1st Bn night of 25 Oct.
3. 142 RCT:

Atchd:

Co A 753 Tk Bn
36 Cav Ren Trp
One Plat Ren Co 636 TD Bn
Co B 111 Engr Bn
Co B 111 Med Bn

will prevent advance of enemy W of line JUSSARUPT - REHAUPAL - LA FORGE, and maintain contact with II French Corps vicinity LA FORGE.

a. 1st Bn - no change.

b. 2nd Bn:

(1) Upon being relieved by 1st Bn 143 Inf night 25 Oct proceed to TENDON via HERPELMONT - HOUX - TENDON road and will clear HOUX by 260600A.

(2) Bn will be in Regt res and devote period to rest and training under direction of this Hq.

(3) Instructions to present atchmnts later.

c. 3rd Bn:

Atchd:

One Plat Co A 753 Tk Bn
36 Ren Trp
Regt I & R Plat with Plat Ren Co 636 TD Bn and
2nd Plat Regt AT Co (Lt Crocker, Comdg):

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Enemy front lines: No change.

b. Units in contact: No change.

c. Enemy operations:

(1) General: Enemy continued defensive operations.

(2) Infantry: Our combat patrols contacted enemy in small groups at V269514, V266504, and V254460. Enemy group of 30 reported at V254438. Another group of 30 at V264436. A group of 7 enemy at V252432 and a group of 30 at V258476. These groups fired on by Arty.

(3) Artillery: Noticeable let up in enemy artillery fire.

d. Miscellaneous:

(1) PWs during period: 5 - In France: 3467

(2) Identification: 3rd Co 326 Regt.

2. OWN SITUATION: No change.

1 - Hq 142 Inf
1 - AT Co
1 - CA Co
1 - 1st FA Bn
1 - CO 142
1 - 2nd Co 142
1 - 3rd Co
1 - Comm Co
1 - File

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- d (1) Will relieve Co B 111 Engr Bn night of 24 Oct with
Regt I & R Plat (plus atchmts).
- d. Co B 111 Engr, upon being relieved, will move to assy area
vic LE ROULIER with primary mission of maintaining supply
routes in Regt sector.
- e. 2nd Plat AT Co will leave present positions in 2nd Bn
sector immediately after dark 24 Oct and proceed without
delay to join I & R Plat at point to be designated by
Lt Crocker. Platoon will act as infantry.
- f. Artillery - no change.

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DISTRIBUTION

1 - Ea Bn
1 - AT Co
1 - Cn Co
1 - 132 FA Bn
1 - CO 142
1 - Exec O 142
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MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 25 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0120		1			Capt Fisher, 3rd Bn, reports Patrol # 6 left at 242000A, returned at 0030A. Came to edge of town LE THOLY, heard one or possibly two mortars at 257436 and several vehicles vicinity 258431. No sizeable force around town. Patrol did not draw fire though it made noise walking in stream. Heard American MG which they thought was in vicinity of roadblock, but roadblock reported it in vicinity of house that had been occupied by Germans today. Roadblock outpost 600 yds to front was receiving mortar fire on its position.	
0130		2			Capt Fisher reports patrol # 1 to vicinity factory area in REHAUPAL saw six Germans pushing a vehicle up street. Patrol then saw two come back, they thought to MG positions, patrol returned.	
0150		3			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports patrol # 1 moved by prescribed route to objective without contact. Returned at 0100A. Patrol went further up the road searching woods to left and found no enemy. Checked in at Co A outpost. More complete report in morning.	
0525	0525	4			Lt Weston, G-2 section 36 Div, was given information on patrols.	
0545		5			Lt Knox, S-2 3rd Bn, reports patrol # 4 from Co F left area at 2345 and went to house at 253456 - no enemy. Continued to house at 255456 and found no enemy there. Continued east and south to about 257454 and still no contact. At 252450 one shot was fired over their heads but they could not tell from which direction. At 248451 they contacted I & R Platoon outpost at 0255A. Patrol returned to Co I at 0415.	
0755		6			Maj Bowder, 1st Bn 143 Inf, reports cleared XAMONTARUPT area at 0330A and closed into assy area at 0720 in rear of 2nd Bn 142. Bn & Co COs and In and FO O's at 2nd Bn 142 CP to start plans for relief.	

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IN	OUT						
0830		7				Col Lynch approved the relief of 2nd Bn 142 Inf less Co E by 1st Bn 141 Inf this morning. Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, to bring troops as far as 132 FA and call this Hq for permission to clear HOUX. Tanks will remain in position and be at the disgression of the Bn Comdr, but not to move until foot troops clear the area. When relieved they will return to their CP at LA NEUVILLE by way of BEAUMINEL, LA PANGES. CO E 142 Inf will be relieved later today.	
	0850	8				Col Lynch left for Serv Co to meet the new officers assigned to this Regt.	
0945		9				Speech completely prepared for propaganda.	
1000		10				Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, phoned following: 141 Inf no change, 3rd Bn to attack. 143 Inf no change. 7th Inf Co A 307613, B 305625, C 302628; 2nd Bn 314624; 3rd Bn I 316629, K 314628, L right of I. 15th Inf no change. 179th Inf 1st Bn V272653 advance elements in fire fight at 271662, 2nd Bn assembly MONTAGNE, 3rd Bn 274648. 180th Inf 2nd Bn 258658, 1st Bn no change, 3rd Bn reserve.	
1100		11				Col Lynch returned to CP. At 1130A left to confer with Gen Stack, returning at 1200A to this CP.	
	1250	12				Capt Hunley checked with Maj Lunch, 143 Inf, on 142 Inf keeping a platoon at 249498. 143 Inf agreed and Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, was notified.	
	1255	13				Capt Hunley left with Capt Olson, 2nd Bn, to look for Rifle Ranges.	
	1315	14				Lt Col Graham left for 1st Bn CP.	
1320		15				Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called the following information in to us: 141 Inf Co A 339580, B 343577, C 341576, E 329587, F 309586, G 324589, I 316601, K 323596, L 322594. (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		15	(Cont'd)		143 Inf Co F 312573, G 298566, E 283552, receiving shelling from 3155; 3rd Bn no change. 45 Div 157 Inf 3rd Bn 242682, 2nd Bn 248664. 179th Inf 1st and 3rd Bns 270662, other units no change.	
	1350	16			Col Lynch ordered Maj Clyburn to call 132 FA and have them put up a cub observer.	
1430		17			Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn, reports Bn relieved less Co E and are assembled at 245500 waiting orders from this Hq to proceed to TENDON. Asked what to do with Flak Wagons. Tanks will be relieved tonight.	
	1440	18			CO 2nd Bn notified to keep in communications with this Hq and that they would come out about 1830A. To bring Flak Wagons out and report to Regt CP.	
1450		19			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1455	20			Maj Clyburn checked with Div on our air missions. Lt Orcutt stated they were # 3 and probably would be taken care of.	
1530		21			Rcn Trps report finding four bodies in house which they attacked and set afire yesterday.	
1545		22			Capt Wren returned from 1st Bn. Broadcast speaker failed because of mechanical trouble. Will try to fix it this afternoon and tomorrow.	
1545		23			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports reconnaissance patrol has been completed for Flak Wagons and that they can be used to good advantage in 3rd Bn sector. Capt Fisher, S-3 443 AAA AW Bn, contacted and requested to send officer to 3rd Bn CP and if possible get guns in tonight. Capt Fisher said he would do so. Also stated he would rotate Flak Wagons and crews. Arrangements completed for moving out two Flak Wagons in 2nd Bn sector tonight.	

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Maps: FRANCE 1:25,000, Sheets XXXV 18, 3, 4, 7, and 8

1. a. Current.

- b. Third Div continues to adv and is now on high ground overlooking ST DIE. RCT 141 and RCT 442 continue to atk towards hill mass N of LA HOUSIER. RCT 143, as part of STACK Force, continues to hold line BIFFONTAINE - BEAUMENIL - JUSSARUPT, with 1st Bn attacking at H-hour 29 Oct 44 to seize and hold HILL 523 (277515), HILL 701 (271490) and CHAMPDRAY.

2. a. RCT 142:

atcd:

36 Rcn Trp
Co A 753 Tk Bn
Rcn Co 636 TD Bn
One Sec 443 AAA 1W Bn
Co B 111 Engr Bn
Co B 111 Med Bn

- (1) Attacks H-hour 29 Oct 44 from present positions, seizes, holds, and organizes for defense objective line as shown on overlay.

- (a) H-Hour to be announced.
(b) Formation - two Bn's abreast.
(c) For LD, direction of atk, objectives, and boundaries - see overlay.

3. a. 1st Bn:

atcd:

One Plat Co B 111 Engrs
Co "H" 142 Inf
One Plat Regt AT Co

- (1) Will atk from present positions, at H-Hour 29 Oct 44, seize, hold, and organize for defense objectives as shown on overlay.

- (a) Formation - two cos abreast.
(b) For LD, boundaries, and objectives - see overlay.

- (2) One reinf plat will seize and hold obj (3) after objs (1) and (2) have been secured, and will be prepared to block road from either direction.

- (3) Roadblock NW of REHAUPAL will engage any at REHAUPAL during Arty preparation and thereafter on targets of opportunity N and W of REHAUPAL.

- (4) After final objectives have been seized a roadblock will be established vic 258466.

b. 3rd Bn:

atcd:

36 Rcn Trp
One Plat Co A 753 Tk Bn
One Sqd Co B 111 Engr Bn
One Sec 443 AAA 1W Bn
Regt I & R Plat with one Plat Rcn Co 636 TD Bn and one Plat Regt AT Co.

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- (1) Will atk from present positions at H-hour 29 Oct 44, seize, hold, and organize for defense objectives as shown on overlay.
 - (a) Formation - three cos abreast.
 - (b) For LD, boundaries, and objectives - see overlay.
- (2) The co to which obj (1) is assigned will become the bn res after cleaning out REHAUPIL.
- (3) After objectives are taken patrol contact will be made with 1st Bn.
- (4) Contact with French forces on right will be continued.
- (5) No fires will be placed in 1st Bn sector (W of 27 easting and N of 47 northing) except on call from 1st Bn. This applies especially to tanks.

c. 2nd Bn:

- (1) Will remain at TENDON in regt res.
- (2) Will keep one rifle co alerted and ready to move by truck on fifteen (15) minutes notice after H plus one hour 29 Oct 44. Three (3) $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks from 2nd Bn AT Plat, and six (6) $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks from Cn Co will be kept available for movement.
 - (a) CO of alerted Co will report to Regt CP at H-Hour 29 Oct.
- (3) Co H attach to 1st Bn effective at 0800 28 Oct.

d. 132 FA Bn (reinf by 155 FA Bn, one Btry 977 FA Bn and Cn Co 142 Inf):

- (1) Will execute attached fire plan and is in direct support of the 1st and 3rd Bns.
- (2) Will supplement observers in 1st Bn 142 Inf sector by daylight 29 Oct.

e. Cn Co:

- (1) Will reinf fires of 132 FA Bn.
- (2) Six (6) $1\frac{1}{2}$ -T trks will report to 2nd Bn 142 Inf by H-Hour 29 Oct.

f. Co 1 753 Tk Bn (less one plat):

- (1) Remain in regt res.
- (2) One plat will assemble vic FAUCOMPIERRE by 0800 29 Oct and await orders.

g. R Co 636 TD Bn (less one plat) remains vic FAUCOMPIERRE in regt res.

h. Co B 111 Engr Bn (less one plat plus).

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- (1) Continues maintenance of Regt supply routes.
- (2) Attachments to 1st and 3rd Bns become effective 0800A 28 Oct.
1. Call Co B 111 Med Bn - no change.
2. (1) T/O strength in officers only will be taken into the atk. Overstrength officers in rifle Cos will observe action from OP's on present positions.
- (2) All weapons, including normal weapons and 57mm guns, 50 Cal MGs, 41 guns, and tanks, will be used on prearranged targets during preparation and on targets of opportunity or on call after the preparation.
- (3) End of preparation will be exactly timed and will further be identified by the last arty rounds fired being in an exact twelve (12) round volley, including four (4) rounds of smoke. Arty and mortar fires will not cease on this signal, but will lift to deeper targets. Infantry will adv in the assault on completion of the preparation. Every rifleman must understand that sequence, and must not wait to see if the arty will lift after the final timed volley. He will adv with confidence that the next arty rounds will have been deepened. Enemy counter-preparation fires may mislead our riflemen. These fires being static are to be avoided by advancing out of them.

4. 2. Ammunition:

- (1) 1st and 3rd Bns - on position - (others no change).

450 Grenados (frag) per rifle co.
150 " (WP) " " "
10 " (AT) per launcher
6 Rockets per bazooka
500 Rds per M6 - Cal 50
5000 " per MG Cal 30 (lt and hvy)
One (1) Belt and two (2) bandoleers per rifleman.
Basic load per pistol and carbine
100 Rds per 60mm mortar
150 Rds per 81mm mortar

- (2) Riflemen to carry:

4 grenades (frag)
1 " (WP)
1 Belt (Cal 30)
1 Bandolier (Cal 30)

- (a) Remaining ammo to be ready for quick resupply to cos.
- (b) Bn ammo vehicles to have a basic load in addition to above, on wheels ready on call.

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(c) Not over 30% of hvy wpns ammo, allotted as above, will be expended during preparation preceeding the atk.

b. Rations:

- (1) 1st and 3rd Bns - one (1) "K" and one (1) "D" ration per man will be carried.
- (2) Hot rations will be resumed as soon as practicable.

c. Evacuation:

- (1) By vehicular roads after all objectives are seized. Until then no change.

5. a. (1) New Bn CPs to be reported.

- (2) Regt CP: Rear - SE JEAN DU MARCHE
Fwd - Present 1st Bn CP (250488)

- (3) All radios to be checked prior to atk and will open at H-hour.

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DISTRIBUTION

- 1 - Regt CO
- 1 - Regt Exec O
- 1 - S-3
- 1 - S-2
- 1 - S-4
- 1 - Comm O
- 1 - Regt Surg
- 1 - Ea Bn CO
- 1 - 111 Engr, Co B
- 1 - CO Co A 753 Tk Bn
- 1 - ADC
- 2 - Div
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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH INFANTRY
AUG 7 '44, U. S. ARMY

UNIT JOURNAL

FOR

29 OCTOBER 1944

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JOURNAL

FROM: 290000A Oct 1944
 TO : 292400A Oct 1944
 MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
 Place: CP ST JEAN
 Date: 29 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OF ACTION	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0055		1			1st Bn patrol # 1, 5-man Rcn from Co B, left at 2100A, returned at 2300A. Was unable to get through with mission because of fire fight going on by raiding party along route.	
					18-man raiding party left at 1700A, could not get into position until 2100. Raiding party went to houses near REHAUPAL. Enemy allowed party to come within 25 yds when they suddenly open fire with all weapons. The patrol leader, Sgt Spring, and one other man were killed and one man wounded. Patrol retired as best they could. Fight lasted 1 1/2 hours. Did not accomplish mission.	
0140		2			1st Bn patrol # 4, 5-man Rcn from Co C, left at 2400A returning at 0130A. Patrol got to scattered woods. Did not attempt to cross open ground to houses at 268484, saw Germans there. Patrol went to patch of woods at 271485, no Germans there.	
	0525	3			G-2 given situation.	
0715		4			S-3 3rd Bn reports patrol # 1 from Co K left at 2300A returning at 0145. Investigated burned house at 249473, no enemy. Went into REHAUPAL at 252472 and saw Germans changing guard at house 253473. At RJ 253472 saw two Germans halted by German guard. Went by house at 252471, saw no enemy. Went along road to 250471, then returned back to Co area. Patrol leader, Sgt Bryant. Combat patrol of two squads from Co K left at 0500A returning at 0615. Went to house 248468; got close to house and were not challenged. Patrol leader saw man in door and shot him. Received fire from two MGs at 248470 and about 15 riflemen around house - fired on them and threw a lot of grenades. Also received some mortar fire. No casualties. Know enemy had one casualty.	
	0840	5			Capt Hunley checked with Maj Lynch 143 Inf on order for 1st Bn 143 Inf attack.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 290000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 292400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 29 Oct 1944

TIME		S	TIME	TYPE OR DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
0850		6			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called. No change in unit situation since last night	
0900		7			Lt Orcutt, air officer called. Bombers will cover target to our front about one flight per hour. Units notified.	
	0910	8			Col Lynch left CP to confer with Col Sladen and Gen Stack.	
	0910	9			Col Lynch ordered Capt McSwain to notify the Plat leader of the alerted platoon for the coming attack to report to Regt CP at 1000A. Capt Clarke Co A CO 753 Tk Bn notified.	
0945		10			Capt Beasley phoned the following: 141 Inf Co I 339590, L 339592. 442 Inf forward units of the 2nd Bn 322612.	
	0950	11			Lt Col Graham checked with 143 Inf on firing Russian propaganda shells in CHAMPDRAY. 143 Inf gave Lt Col Graham permission to fire.	
	0955	12			Lt Col Graham notified 132 FA Bn to fire five propaganda shells (Russian) in CHAMPDRAY.	
1000		13			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1000	14			Col Lynch gave instructions for attack to Plat Ldr of tank Co. Plan is to move platoon into REHAUPAL after town has been cleared at which time it will become attached to 1st Bn. Platoon will still assemble in FAUCOMPIERRE as previously instructed.	
	1100	15			Col Lynch left CP returning at 1155	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 290000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 292400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 29 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME	INFO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1255		16			Capt Selkirk, reports results of interrogating French SSF this morning: 3-gun Btry 294447; 3-gun Btry 295479; 4-gun Btry 2948 (FALURGOUTTE); gun Btry 320505; gun Btry 287477 (WAING MUSGUEL). Also report that road net between AUMONTZEY and GRANGES mined. Excellent observation over all our positions from hill mass E of FALURGOUTTE and BERCHIGRANGES. Also can see any movement on hills 723, 672 and 701 from there.	
1300		17			Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called: 442 RCT 100 Bn Co C 330584, A behind C, B 331585 - bypassed mine-field. 30 Inf no change. 15 Inf no change. 7 Inf Co E 330635, F 331630, G 330637, I 317631, K 318639, L 321631.	
1330		18			Lt Orcutt phoned and states 141 Inf received more supplies by air this morning. Lt Lewis, Gen Dahlquist's aide was killed in 141 sector by enemy MG fire.	
1345		19			Capt Selkirk reports house 400 yds in front of Co C positions set on fire by mortars. Germans ran out and into another house to west. Shelling it now. Ammunition in burning house exploding.	
	1400	20			Col Lynch asked Col Lynch, G-4, to cut traffic on LEPANGES - ST JEAN - FACOMPIERRE road.	
	1415	21			132 FA fire direction center notified of gun btry positions as reported by SSS. Counterbattery requested.	
	1430	22			Lt Orcutt, Div G-3 air officer, notified of gun btry positions as reported by SSS. Requested air missions, and especially position at 293446 and 297448.	
	1445	23			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn CP. Returned at 1650.	

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FROM: 290000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 292400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE , 1:50,000

Date: 29 Oct 1944

TIME		SERIAL NO	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
1650		24			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn S-3, reports a German 20mm gun knocked out by our Arty at 1635A vicinity 272462 (AP 3067). Bn OP reports at 1545A a Self-propelled gun firing on Co L (azimuth from OP 115°). Estimated to be vicinity 305457.	
1735		25			Lt Knox reports that the 36 Rcn is receiving Arty from vicinity of THOLY. Received 20 to 30 rounds.	
1810		26			From G-2: Two French civilians through lines report 200 Germans between PLATICOVE (2650) and MAURANT (277507) late 25 Oct. State that each night at 2200A two tanks fire from position V288515 in generally NW direction. On 26 Oct they heard from other civilians that 8 guns, Cal unknown, were in position vicinity 303524. State that dirt road leading from FRAMBEMENIL (2850) to GRANGES (2949) which crosses railroad track is heavily mined.	
1830		27			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to phone 143 Inf and ask if we could borrow one 4.2 Cml mortar and crew plus 40 rounds of WP to burn down a house in out 1st Bn sector which they have been unable to burn with their own mortars. If we can borrow it we will pick it up in the morning.	
1835		28			Capt Hunley called 143 Inf of above, asking to pick it up about 0800A	
1950		29			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify Lt Col Green, 132 FA Bn, to fire remainder of Russian propaganda shells (10) tonight. Believe this will have a better effect as will keep the Germans from seeing them fall and therefore the Russians will have a chance to find and read them before any disciplinary action is taken. Capt Hunley notified Lt Col Green.	

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FROM: 290000A Oct 1944

142 Inf

TO : 292400A Oct 1944

Organization: _____

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Place: CP ST JEAN

Date: 29 Oct. 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1955	30			1st Bn notified of above information so patrols could be notified that the shooting is harmless. Shells will be fired towards morning.	
2005		31			SSS information from G-2 - 29 Oct: MG position 276543. Digging and MG 269569-272512. Two 77mm guns at BLATECOTE (2650); ammo dump 373438-383431; mines 296503-299504, 40 motors on each side of RR; mines 288516-286523, 40 meters on each side of RR; mines 289517-292519, 20 meters wide; mines 279534-285527, 20 meters wide; mines 285533-285532, 20 meters wide. Two pieces 88mm 333510 and two at 338522. A fortified line with light and heavy MG from 334482-335492. Diggings and MGs 332497-330502; diggings and MGs 339492-338507.	
2200		32			Air Corps will drop flares tonight between ST DIE and ST MICHELLE to enable 3rd Div Arty to fire on that road.	
2240		33			Lt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports: Co I combat patrol left at 1800A and returned at 2200. Followed patrol route and at 248458 were fired on by MGs from 252458 and 252459. Patrol by-passed these and proceeded S to edge of woods, then turned E at 250453. About 100 yds from this point enemy shelled patrol with about 20 rds scattering patrol which then returned. No casualties. Lt Knox also reports that Lt Crocker, CO I & R Plat, heard horse drawn traffic direction THOLY, also saw gun flashes from vicinity of THOLY.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 143

Hq 142 Inf
CP ST JEAN
29 Oct 1944

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FROM: 281200A Oct 1944
TO : 291200A Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Location of units: No change.
- c. Enemy operations:
 - (1) General: Enemy maintained a defensive attitude with some patrol activity and slight increase of artillery.
 - (2) Infantry: A three squad German patrol was fired on by one of our patrols at 255463 (AP 4065) at 1900A. Our patrols encountered SA fire at 253454; mortar fire at 251454 and 252457; MG fire at 251463, 254458, 248470. Considerable enemy activity in the N end of CHAMPDRAY. Vehicles were heard moving at 258458, and horse drawn cart going N at 256431.
 - (3) Artillery: Frequent harassing fires fell throughout Regt sector, falling in the vicinity of HOUX - LAVELINE.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: 3 In France: 3484.
 - (2) Identifications: Battle Group STENGER

2. OWN SITUATION: No change.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf
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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
AFC # 36, U. S. ARMY

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JOURNAL

FROM: 300000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 302400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 30 Oct 1944

TIME		SLIP NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0015		1			<p>Capt Selkirk reports that Cn Co fired on called targets in patch of woods at 268481 (AP 3067) and have started two fires. Either vehicles or ammunition as there is nothing else to burn in this area.</p> <p>Patrol # 5 from Co C (ambush patrol) left at 1900A and returned at 0005A but encountered no enemy. Could see good in moonlight but there was no German activity. Waited at 267487 and could see almost to CHAMPDRAY.</p>	
0015		2			<p>Capt Curtis reports: Co L combat patrol left at 1800A, returned at 2300A. Went to 249461; moved E pushing out forward and crossed creek to hedgerow; scout reported booby traps vicinity 252462; fired on by MGs at 252463, booby traps around MGs. At house 252459 fired on by MGs from both flanks - apparently German main defensive positions. Germans in house at 252463. Patrol received Arty fire at this point. MGs located at 251462, 251461, 251459, 252459.</p> <p>Patrol # 7 left at 1030A returning at 1140A. Patrol left from 246452, went to 253455, stopped at edge of woods and listened, heard about ten Germans moving around, went to house at 254446 and listened there, heard nothing. Examined area for dug-in positions but found none. Went to woods 256447, went around house there but observed nothing there, went to edge of woods and returned.</p> <p>Patrol # 9 left at 0900A returning at 1145. Left from 249429, went to 257428 (house there, south side nothing but on north side one shot was fired and someone hollered), listened there and heard horse drawn vehicle about 1030A going N, vehicle stopped 3 times for about 4 minutes each. Patrol did not cross open ground because of brightness of moon. Patrol then returned.</p>	
0030		3			<p>Lt Brandenberger reports that there is another fire burning at 269475.</p>	

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FROM: 300000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 302400A Oct 1944

Place: CPST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 30 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT					
	0045	4			Patrol reports given to G-2, also notified of the two fires started in front of 1st Bn.	
0100		5			Capt Clem, 1st Bn, reports that our Co C outpost reported that a Lieutenant and his patrol from Co C 143 Inf are in disorganized state now and just a matter of rounding them up. Capt McSwain notified Maj O'Brien of the above information.	
0410		6			1st Bn reports that their 0200A contact patrol to Co K made contact.	
	0530	7			Situation given to G-2.	
0535		8			Co K patrol # 11 left at 2200A returned at 0430A. Moved to woods 248472 and to house 249473. No activity. In woods 251469 lots of activity, at 250471 also activity. Patrol leader approached woods 247472, as he moved along edge of woods received rifle grenade fire 248470, MG fire from house 248468. Pulled back from house 247472 and continued S to 248469, fired on by MG from SW corner of house. Also some rifle grenade fire received. Could not get any closer than 35 yds to house.	
0545		9			Co K Ren patrol # 4 left at 0100A returning at 0445A. Checked house 249473, no enemy. West of house were positions for MGs but no guns. At edge of town 252475, waited 1/2 hour, no activity until 3 men crossed street at 255473.	
	0800	10			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to phone Capt Selkirk and ask for a copy of 1st Bn attack order. If Gen Stack has an order from 143 Inf will borrow it.	
0820		11			Patrol # 6, ambush patrol from Co A. Got to woods in front of positions. Received fire from German patrol which had worked in behind them. Fire fight from 1900A to 0130A. Enemy patrol believed to be about 12 men. Believe they killed a couple of men. (Cont'd)	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 300000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 302400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 30 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		11	(Cont'd)		Patrol # 7, Co A 5-man, left at 0200 returning at 0500A. Covered entire route without contact.	
	0830	12			Col Lynch talked with Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn. Thinks tanks may be got on position during clear weather to be able to give support in coming attack. Will talk to tank CO this morning. Also troops moving into attack out of woods might avoid enemy defensive fires by coming out laterally rather than directly to the front.	
	0840	13			CO of Co A 753 Tk Bn asked to be at CP at 0915.	
	0855	14			Col Lynch left to see Gen Stack.	
0855		15			3rd Bn reports: Rcn patrol # 5, Co L, left at 2300 returning at 0115A. Left Co area proceeded along day route to 252461, could hear mortar being fired in distance to E. Also heard SP gun from SE vicinity 262458. Could not see flashes. Otherwise no contact and heard no activity. Completed entire route. Rcn # 6, Co I, left at 0140A returned at 0400A. Patrol received mortar, MG fire at 248458 coming from vicinity 250457. Could not advance, withdrew 200 yards, waited 30 minutes, observed no activity. Rcn # 8, 36th Rcn Trp, left at 1900A returned at 0345A. Moved by route to woods at 248436, checked woods and houses at 250435. No enemy, proceeded up road. No enemy. Made route. Rcn reports 0800A outpost vicinity 248433 saw 3 shots fired at 0645A from a cross road 255436 (white tracers and one white flare). No action followed.	
	0855	16			Col Lynch directed Lt Col Graham to check with Div and see if any of our air missions were flown yesterday.	
0900		17			Capt Clarke, CO Co A 753 Tk Bn, came to CP.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 300000A Oct 1944
 TO : 302400A Oct 1944
 MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
 Place: CP ST JEAN
 Date: 30 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0910		18			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	0915	19			Capt Clarke received instructions from Col Lynch and left for 1st Bn CP to talk with Lt Col Minor.	
0930		20			Capt Beasley phoned: 1st and 2nd Bns of 7th Inf will pass through 3rd Bn of 7th Inf (321625) and attack objective 353643. 3rd Bn will then assemble vicinity 321625. Attack depends on enemy artillery. 7th Inf Co I 319637, Battle patrol 311638. 180th Inf 1st Bn 2568, 2nd Bn 2470, 3rd Bn 2569. 143 Inf Co K 265550-282550, Co L 282550-295580.	
	0935	21			Col Lynch ordered both Plat of Co A 753 Tk Bn attached to 1st Bn and they will move in position tonight instead of night before they are needed to keep enemy from becoming alert.	
	0940	22			Col Lynch phoned Maj Middleton and as troops are needed for defense so 141 and 442 Infs can continue their attack the 2nd Bn will remain in TASK FORCE reserve, continuing their training, but will be on a 2-hour alert prepared to move in 2 hours after being called by this Hq. There will be 1 1/2 ton truck from 143 Inf, 3 1/2 T trks 3rd Bn 142 Inf, 6 1/2 T trks Cn Co, 6 1/2 T trks AT Co and 3 1/2 T trks from your Bn available for movement. The attached trucks will report to you by noon today.	
	0945	23			Capt Hunley notified units concerned to have their specified number of trucks report to 2nd Bn by noon today.	
1030		24			Capt Wren, G-2 called. 143 Inf captured 6 Germans from 1st Bn 305 GR Regt. They say they are the right flank of 198 Div. Their position is in the 2751 grid square. They relieved an unknown unit on 21 Oct. On their right is a new unit from Norway which moved in on 28 or 29 Oct.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 300000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 302400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 30 Oct 1944

TIME		SERIAL	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1035		25			Capt Orcutt reports that they flew one of our missions (northern) that we asked for. So far today it is impossible for planes to fly because of fog. If the fog lifts they will fly the mission that Capt Selkirk asked for.	
1100		26			Col Lynch received orders from Div to move 2nd Bn to vicinity FAYS. Col Lynch notified Lt Col Kilbourn, CO 2nd Bn, to report to Regt CP.	
1110		27			Capt Beasley phoned following: 100th and 3rd Bn 442 RCT jumped off on attack at 0800A. No opposition. 141 1st Bn requested no supplies be dropped to them today as enemy is beginning to harass them and the dropping of supplies might give away the Bns situation.	
1110		28			Lt Col Kilbourn, CO 2nd Bn, came to CP to receive instructions on moving his Bn to vicinity FAYS by way of FAUCOMPIERRE, DOCELLES to FAYS. Bn will begin moving this afternoon. After arriving in assembly area the Bn will be on one hour alert. The transportation used to transport the Bn to FAYS will remain attached to the Bn for further movement. Sgt Snyder, Regt Comm Chief, will lay wire from Div CP to FAYS. Bn kitchens and the Bn share of Regtl train will accompany the Bn. Co H will revert to Bn, come out of lines bringing back load ammo only.	
1120		29			Capt Selkirk phoned and states the Bn FO will not be ready until this afternoon instead of this morning as previously stated.	
1235		30			Maj Lynch, S-3 143 Inf, phoned and the 6 trucks asked for have been dispatched to CO 2nd Bn 142. at TENDON. Should arrive there within next 30 to 40 minutes.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 300000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 302400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 30 Oct 1944

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OF DAY	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1300	31			Lt Col Graham ordered 1st and 3rd Bns to send out strong combat patrol this afternoon. They are to notify this headquarters as to strength, mission and time of departure.	
1305		32			Capt Beasley phoned and 100 Bn and 3rd Bn 442 RCT are still moving forward with no opposition (333583). 1st Bn 141 Inf has been ordered to attack back to their rear when 442 RCT has reached a point 1000 yards from them.	
1315		33			Col Lynch received instructions from Div that the assembly area for 2nd Bn has been changed to vicinity LE PANGES. Col Lynch notified Bn CO.	
1320		34			Capt Hunley notified Maj Hensley of above information. Also asked him to take Range Targets down and see that they are stored.	
	1430	35			Lt Col Graham ordered Mr Snyder to censor all articles appearing in daily bulletin before publishing.	
1505		36			155 FA sent an officer to CP who stated they had approx 100 rounds of Arty at our disposal. Would like some targets. Lt Col Graham gave him the following targets: Arty 295478; 296479; 294455; 296449; kitchens and Arty 291471. Positions explained to officer (from 1:25,000 map) - Supply point at CHAMPDRAY 269490 and SP gun 260467 - targets were explained from AP 3067.	
1520		37			S-3, 3rd Bn, phoned and states they have two combat patrols for tonight leaving area at 1800A. Overlays of routes will follow later this afternoon.	
1550		37			2nd Bn reports they are starting to move one Co now. Movement had been held up because of difficulty in finding a bivouac area. Only 5 trucks reported from 143 Inf.	

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FROM: 300000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO: 302400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 30 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1555		38			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports all Cos rolling except Co G which will be shuttled.	
1740		39			1st Bn states unable to get 8" gun up to fire tonight but will fire 105s and then if that don't get results will get 8" gun up in the morning. Co A patrol area now being shelled by Arty and mortar. Will let patrol leader decide on whether or not he will try to accomplish mission.	
1800		40			Comm in to 2nd Bn thru Div switchboard.	
	1805	41			1st Bn 143 Inf notified that 155 FA would be firing into E edge of CHAMPDRAY at 1915A.	
1925		42			3rd Bn reports that their contact patrol to the French brought back a report that many Germans hav moved into LT THOLY this afternoon and were identified as SS troops.	
2015		42			1st Bn report on combat patrols. 1st patrol supported by Cn fire attempted to clean out enemy in houses on both sides of road at 253477. Enemy well intrenched and could not be removed because of their supporting fire. Expect to demolish house in the morning with 8" How and take this strong point. 2nd patrol engaged in a fire fight at 269495 and with artillery fire on house several enemy ran to woods. It is thought that casualties were inflicted on the enemy. An ammo dump or some explosive dump in REHAUPAL was set on fire by Cn Co fire at 1800A.	
2155		43			Mr Gray brought Div OI 301200A Oct 1944. CG 36 Div to CO 142 Inf. No further allocations 81mm mortar ammo to your regt for an indefinite period of time. Expenditures restricted to emergency requirements.	
	2200	44			Lt Col Graham notified S-4 and each Bn in line of above information.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 300000A Oct 1944

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 302400A Oct 1944

Place: CP ST JEAN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 30 Oct 1944

TIME		SIR	TIME	TYPE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT		OR DATED			
	2215	45			G-2 given patrol reports and situation.	
2210		46			Lt Lavine, Tk officer, came to CP and reports they now have 3 tanks behind Co C position, 1 tank behind Co B position. 2 tanks are stuck vicinity 1st Bn CP. Asked for help from Engrs.	
	2215	46			Lt Col Graham called Engrs and asked them to have an officer meet the tank officer at 1st Bn CP tomorrow morning about 0800A to arrange to fix road.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 144

FROM: 291200A Oct 1944
TO : 301200A Oct 1944

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Hq 142 Inf
GP ST JEAN
30 Oct 1944

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

a. Enemy front line: No change.

b. Units in contact: No change.

c. Enemy operations:

(1) General: Enemy maintained a defensive attitude with some patrol activity and slight increase of artillery.

(2) Infantry:

(a) The enemy patrol believed to be twelve (12) men had worked in behind one of our patrols in woods at 267495 at 1900A, results unknown. Our patrols encountered booby traps vicinity 252462; MGs at 252463, 252459, 248470, 252458, and 250457; mortar fire at 250457; rifle grenade fire at 248470. At 255473 saw three Germans cross street; at 257428 heard horse drawn cart going N. No enemy activity observed in CHAMPDRAY. Activity in woods at 250471 and 251469.

(b) Our Cn Co started two fires during night 29 Oct. Ammo dump vicinity 268481 and house vicinity 269475 (AP 3067). Our Arty destroyed 20mm gun vicinity 272462 at 1635A.

(c) 36 Rcn Trp GP vicinity 235426 shelled by enemy (approx 20 to 30 rounds) at 1730A, coming from vicinity LE THOLY.

(d) 3rd Bn GP observed SP gun vicinity 305457 firing on Co L position, no casualties reported.

(3) Artillery: Frequent harassing fires fell throughout Regt sector. Enemy shelled HOUX - LAVELINE intermittently during period. Approximately 20 rounds fell on one of our patrols at 250453, no casualties.

d. Miscellaneous:

(1) PWs during period: None - In France: 3484.

(2) Identifications: None

2. OWN SITUATION:

RCT held defensive positions in Division's southern sector, patrolling aggressively to the front, and maintaining constant contact with the French on our right. Locations of units - no change.

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Date: 31 Oct 1944

TIME		SER NO	TIME DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TA
IN	OUT				
0400		1		<p>3rd Bn reports: Patrol # 6, Co I, left 2200A returned 0215A. Left area at 248458, went to 253453. There they were fired on by MG located at 257455. Did not go further, turned right and returned.</p> <p># 2, Co K, left 0100A returned 0315: Left area at 247473, followed the entire route. House at 249473 unoccupied. From 249471 to 248470 heard enemy activity in woods, estimated to be 20 Germans. Did not draw fire, observed dug in MG positions unmanned.</p>	
	0510	2		G-2 given patrol reports.	
0750		3		<p>3rd Bn reports: Patrol # 8, I & R Plat, left at 0315 returned 0545. Left from 243447, went to house at 248444, nothing there. At 251442 found 8 or 9 trees felled across road but no enemy. Went to about 50 yds from house at 251441, listened 45 minutes and heard one vehicle vlc THOLY at approximately 253438. Patrol then proceeded east to 252445 and listened there. Heard two heavy vehicles to the south. Proceeded to 246445, no contact so patrol returned.</p>	
0725		4		<p>Capt Clem, S-3 1st Bn, reports: Patrol # 2 cancelled due to daylight raid.</p> <p># 4, 5-man Rcn, Co C, left 0300A returned 0700A. Followed route. Unable to advance beyond 259479. Enemy in woods on both sides at that point.</p> <p># 5, 12-man ambush, Co C, left 1900A returned 0440. Made contact with enemy but no ambush. Had to get out themselves.</p> <p># 6, 5-man Rcn, Co C, left 2400A returned 0430A. Followed route. Reached first house. Unable to get beyond it. Saw enemy activity along road by house.</p> <p># 7, cancelled due to daylight raid.</p>	

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0820		5			Capt Beasley, Div Ln C, phoned following: 0630A 157 Inf 2nd Bn 290727, 3rd Bn 296725. 15th Inf 1st Bn 338682, 2nd and 3rd Bns no change. 179th Inf 3rd Bn 293705. 180th Inf 1st Bn no change, 2nd Bn 255733, 3rd Bn 266734. 7th Inf 1st Bn 352641, 2nd Bn 348637, 3rd Bn 342623, Co L 332615. 15th Inf 1st Bn 338682. LAVALINE clear. 17 PWs, 150 dead Germans approximately 15-17 years of age, new uniforms. 141 Inf 3rd Bn 344565. Other positions of 141 Inf and 442 Inf as shown on overlay. 143 Inf patrols got to N side of LES POULIERES and were not fired on.	
0820		6			Lt Knox, S-3 3rd Bn, reports: Patrol # 5, Rcn, Co L, left 2400 returned 0230. Left area 248463, went to 250460, then 400 yds to 254458. MG fire from 252457 to rear. Saw one German at 254458 and threw hand grenade at him. Heard more activity vicinity 255457. Heard sound of possible two tanks vicinity 258458. Returned. # 9, 36 Rcn, 2400-0400. Followed route. Heard no vehicles except engine running. Heavy truck or tank near THOLY. Checked house at 254437, nothing there. Did not receive fire along way. # 10, Rcn, 1830-2030. Followed route. At 1930A saw flashes of estimate 6 enemy firing in direction of French to S vicinity 263428. Moved on to edge of THOLY, vicinity 258428. Heard 3 vehicles in THOLY at 2100A. Did not draw fire. Saw old fox holes near town. Lt Barrett patrol leader.	
0845		7			Capt Selkirk, 1st Bn, reports: Patrol # 8, 5-man Rcn, Co A, 0200A-0800A. Did not contact any enemy but heard four tanks moving around CHAMPDRAY. Reported that this fire was falling vic LAVALINE. # 1, 5-man Rcn, Co B. Went about 200 yds. Could hear Germans talking in known positions to front. # 3, 5-man Rcn, Co B, 1900A-1230A. Went out 500 yds, contacted no enemy.	

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0900		8			2nd Bn reports: Closed into new assembly area at BEPANGES 1900A. CP at 207533. Received three additional trucks (2½ ton) from division.	
0905		9			3rd Bn reports: Patrol # 1, CO K, 2200A-0045A. Left area at 247473, followed entire route. Enemy activity heard at 250471. No fire drawn. By-passed activity and continued on. Enemy heard coughing in house at 248469, estimated two enemy. House was not entered, no fire drawn. # 3, CO K, 0300A-0430A. Left area at 247473, followed route out, heard moving about 248469. Got to house 248469, found enemy and fired grenades; received rifle fire and hand grenades in return from NW of house at 247469. No Arty or mortar.	
0925		10			3rd Bn reports: Patrol # 4, CO L, 0440A-0730A. Left area vicinity 249465, went along route to the E, crossed stream 253466, moved up hill at 252467 until in view of factory in REHAUHAL. Half-way up hill were fired on from enemy at 253467, estimated to be 30-men strong, well dug in on top of hill. Patrol received fire from 3 MGs that had flanking and crossing fire of 50 yd range, 2 to 3 machine pistols from patrol's left, 25 rifle grenades from rear of MG positions. Area was heavily wooded and therefore enemy had a poor field of fire. Patrol leader, Lt Kvoeck, reports patrol killed five Germans and possibly seven. Lt Kvoeck accounted for one German. Patrol suffered no casualties. Fire fight lasted ten to fifteen minutes, then withdrew over same route.	
	0950	11			Col Lynch ordered Capt Hunley to notify Lt Col Kilbourn, CO 2nd Bn, to report to 3rd Bn with a Rcn party (one representative from each Co) prepared to make arrangements for relief of 3rd Bn tonight. Col Lynch will go to 3rd Bn CP and issue instructions from there. Troops will detruck at LE CREUX and then trucks will turn around and park under cover headed toward TENDON. CO 636 Rcn Co will report to Lt Col Kilbourn at 3rd Bn CP.	

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	1010	12			Capt Hunley notified Lt Col Kilbourn and CO Rcn Co of above information.	
	1015	13			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP.	
	1015	14			Lt Col Graham notified 3rd Bn to send one squad and one platoon combat patrol out today; and rcn patrols that leave tonight will rejoin Bn tomorrow morning.	
1015		14			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, called and stated that the two combat patrols today would be a repeat on the patrols sent yesterday and will leave 1300A. Lt Col Minor said the Engrs were going to use a dozer to fix the tank road to Co B after dark.	
1220		15			Col Lynch returned.	
1230	1230	16			Capt Head, 443 AW Bn notified that section now with 3rd Bn would become attached to 2nd Bn after relief is effected tonight.	
	1225	17			Capt Scott instructed to send platoon leader to 3rd Bn CP, to report to Lt Col Kilbourne, CO 2nd Bn.	
	1310	18			Capt Clarke, Co A 753 Tk Bn, notified of relief of 3rd Bn by 2nd Bn and of the transfer of his tanks to the 2nd Bn after relief is effected.	
	1325	19			Col Lynch ordered Lt Col Minor to shift A and C Co positions tonight leaving Co C as reserve.	
	1320	20			Col Lynch instructed Lt Col Graham to arrange for 3rd Bn to have baths tomorrow. Also be paid and have dental checkup.	
	1330	21			Col Lynch ordered Lt Col Graham to notify Capt Mc Swain and Maj Hensley that the 40 replacements now at Serv Co will be assigned to 3rd Bn and join the Bn tomorrow morning.	

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	1335	22		Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP, then will go to Div CP.	
	1335	23		Capt Hunley notified Maj Young that the 36 Rcn Trp and Regt I & R Plat will assemble vic FAUCOMPIERRE.	
1340		24		Lt Col Goddard, 7th Army Historian, came to CP.	
1445		25		Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called: 3/442 at 349573 at 1230A. Knocked out roadblock at 350571. Still moving forward at 1310A without much opposition. 7th Inf 3rd Bn on HILL 699 (345617) at 1100A, 1st Bn at RJ 352642, stiff opposition, 2nd Bn at HILL 651 (3561). Nothing new from French.	
1510		26		Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports. Co A patrol succeeded in burning both houses but they got in quite a fire fight with Germans in the woods. Has ordered them to withdraw.	
1550		27		Col Lynch returned. 3rd Bn area will be at LE PANGE.	
1600		28		Lt from 36 Rcn talked with S-3 on relief tonight. 36 Rcn will move to area vicinity FAUCOMPIERRE.	
	1610	29		Lt Col Graham asked G-4 about using showers at LE PANES tomorrow. They are not available. 3rd Bn will use trucks assigned to it to transport men to showers at XAMONTARUPT. 3rd Bn notified. Hours 0800-1200, 1300-1700. 1 Nov.	
1615		30		Maj Hensley came to CP.	
1620		31		Capt Beasley, Div Ln O, called: At 1530A 141 Co I 339583, L 338583, K 338590 all in contact. 141 Inf 1st Bn closed in DEYCIMONT, 2nd Bn 442 Inf in fire fight at 336597 at 1530A.	
1730		31		Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports all Bn except one Co has cleared LE PANES. will have all cleared by 1800A.	

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1745		33			Maj Middleton, 2nd Bn, reports everything moving. Closing out CP.	
1815		34			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports that the two houses to Co B front have been retaken after they were recaptured by the Germans an hour previously. A patrol is staying and digging in out there. Captured 11 PRs, seemingly Russians. Platoon is still fighting and receiving Arty & mortar fire.	
1840		35			Co L combat patrol left at 1500 from 249465. Moved NE to woods at 251467. Moved into woods SE about 100 yds. Were fired on from 252464 by two MGs plus riflemen. Could not advance. Tried to maneuver one squad around right. Received mortar fire and rifle grenade fire. Unable to advance in any direction. Withdrew to return by same route. While crossing road at 250466 received Arty fire, 5 rounds. Returned at 1700A. Saw no other activity other than firefight. Enemy well dug in, weapons well sited at 252464. No casualties. Lt Snell patrol leader.	
1840		36			Capt Wren, assistant G-2, 36 Div reports: Frenchman that 36 Rcn Trp sent back a few days ago turned out to be a German sabotage agent. Expect more to try and get through in our sector. Possibly disguised in priests clothing. Our SS has sent a German prisoner back through the lines to obtain some documents. He is expected back in 3 or 4 days. Will probably be in German uniform. Name: Josef Kleinschrot. He will ask for a Mr Eastman.	
1655		37			3rd Bn combat patrol, Co I, left roadblock at 1500A. Moved NE to 252444. Drew MG and rifle fire from house at 253444. Could not advance to right. Pulled back and engaged in fire fight again against house. One man wounded. Patrol could not maneuver to left or right due to open ground, so moved back to starting point. German position is estimated strong point of riflemen and	

2 MGs. Ret at 1845A

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1900		38		Air OP reports Cn Co knocked out 4 mortars with 4 more probables vicinity 258473.	
1905		39		Capt Wren, Div Asst G-2, reports information from 143 Inf. Civilian boy reported to them that his mother had sent him from LVOUX 3153 to LES POULIERS to tell people to get in their cellars, Germans were going to attack town tonight.	
1920		40		Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, reports counterattack was about 50-men strong. Still have some wounded Ger Germans down around house that can't be evacuated yet. Small arms fire has ceased. Can hear German wounded groaning in woods on other side of road. Our casualties uncertain as yet. Have evacuated two so far.	
2020		41		Lt Knox reports Lt Crocker's I & R Plat completely relieved at 2000A.	
	2145	42		Col Lynch left to see Gen Stack.	
2110		43		Capt Scott reported that AT Plat had completed relief of I & R Plat at 2100A.	
2200		44		1st Bn reported Co C relieved by Co A at 2200A.	
2205		45		3rd Bn reported Co K relieved by 636 TD Rcn 2200A	
2215		46		Div interrogator gave following information on 11 PWs captured at 254476: Russians, from 5th Co 360 Cossack. Co strength 60 men. 6th Co to NE, 7th Co to SW. 80% Russians. Road mined at 250474 and 4 men with rifles and one bazooka stand guard at night. Mission to hold present positions. 1st Bn notified.	
2315		47		All of 3rd Bn relieved except 36 Div Rcn, it is practically relieved.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 145

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TO : 311200A Oct 199

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Hq 142 Inf
CP ST JEAN
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ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front line: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy operations:

- (1) General: Enemy maintained defensive attitude with very little activity and slight artillery.
- (2) Infantry:

4a) Our patrols encountered MGs at 257455, 252457, and 256454. At 2100A one of our patrols received a mortar barrage vicinity 253457. Heard four (4) tanks in CHAMPDRAY. Heard four (4) vehicles, either heavy trucks or tanks, in vicinity THOLY. Saw gun flashes of estimate six (6) riflemen firing in direction of French Sector to south in vicinity 263428; heard estimated 20 Germans moving about in vicinity 249471 to 248470; unmanned dug-in MG position observed vicinity 247469. Our patrol fired on by enemy from 253457 (estimated 30 enemy) and well dug in on top of hill. Patrol received fire from three (3) MGs that had flank and cross-fire range of 50 yds; 25 rifle grenades were fired at patrol from rear of MG positions, also two or three machine pistols fired. This area is wooded and enemy had a poor field of fire. Patrol inflicted seven (7) casualties on the Germans. Patrol found 8 or 9 trees felled across road at 251442.

(b) Cn Co started a fire, believed to be an ammunition dump, in REHAUPAL at 1800A.

(3) Artillery: Very light throughout Regt sector.

d. Miscellaneous:

- (1) PWs during period: None - In France: 3484

OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive positions and maintaining contact constantly with French on right.
- b. 2nd Bn 142 Inf moved by motor at 1555A to vicinity of LA PANGES as Div reserve, closing in new area at 1900A. Bn CP vicinity 270533.

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